

MORE ELEVENTH HOUR SALARY GRABBING AT CITY HALL

The increasing of salaries at city hall goes merrily on. Commissioner William W. Duncan has again played the role of Santa Claus and has raised the salary of Joseph Farrell, assistant treasurer, from \$1900 to \$2000; Charles C. Wilson of \$1800 to \$1900; and James C. Dunfee of the auditor's office from \$1400 to \$1500. These three increases were made this morning to go into effect the first of the year and they push the total increase well over \$20,000.

In the case of James C. Dunfee, this is the second raise for the new year. In the first list made out by Commissioner Duncan his salary had been increased from \$1350 to \$1400.

A very much interrupted meeting of the municipal council was held this morning, starting promptly at 10 o'clock with Mayor O'Donnell presiding and Commissioners Morse and Putnam present. Commissioners Duncan and Donnelly came in during the course of the meeting and after the transaction of routine business a recess was taken until 11. At 12:10 p. m. the meeting was again resumed and a further recess was taken until 1:30 p. m. During the intervals the mayor and commissioners held conference with the legal representatives of several parties who are petitioning for compensation for the taking of land and buildings by the city. Among the matters discussed in conference were the taking of some parcels of land at Dummer street, for the extension and the taking of the Day Nursery building on the site of the new high school.

At this morning's meeting Mayor O'Donnell announced his intention of sending a favorable report to the secretary of the commonwealth on the petition of Henry Guerin and others for the incorporation of "Marine Square Coeur". The council voted approval.

Andrew H. Coulure petitioned for the removal of a pole of the Day Street railway opposite 1107 Lawrence street and a hearing was set for Jan. 9 at 10 o'clock.

William J. Harvey through his counsel gave notice of a claim for personal injuries because of a fall on an sidewalk at 99 South Walker street. He claims that the fall was due to the improper construction of the sidewalk. It was referred to the law department.

Leo O'Neill gave notice of a suit against the city in an action of tort for \$300. Referred to the law department.

Commissioner Putnam asked that the council approve a bill of T. J. McDonald company for 51 bushels of oats delivered Dec. 1. The oats was not

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CHALIFOUX'S OF THE SQUARE



CLEARANCE SALE

OF WOMEN'S COATS, SUITS, DRESSES AND WAISTS.

OVER \$44,000,000 IN THE LOWELL SAVINGS BANKS

The thrifty people of Lowell have to their credit in savings accounts in the local banks over \$44,000,000 as this year comes to a close, a greater sum than ever before, and it is also true that a greater increase has been shown this year than ever.

The Lowell Board of Trade, in preparing the data for its annual business message for the new year, finds interesting totals compiled from the returns of the seven savings banks, the trust company with a savings department and two co-operative banks. There totals are as follows:

Total deposits Dec. 23, 1916.....	\$44,050,690.65
Total deposits, Dec. 24, 1915.....	40,030,860.44
Gain in 12 months.....	4,019,830.21
Number of open accounts Dec. 23, 1916.....	103,360
Number of open accounts Dec. 24, 1915.....	95,048
Gain in 12 months.....	8,512

INAUGURAL EXERCISES TUESDAY

The induction into office of the two recently elected commissioners, Frank A. Warnock and George H. Brown will take place Tuesday at 10 a. m. with the usual procedure. The council of 1916 will meet at 9:15 in the aldermanic chamber and will declare a recess. At 10 a. m. the council will convene in the city hall and the chairs held by Commissioners Putnam and Duncan will be taken immediately by Messrs. Brown and Warnock who automatically become members of the new council.

The oath of office will be administered by City Clerk Stephen Flynn. Prayer is offered only at the inauguration of a mayor, but in every respect the ceremonial is the same. It is expected that Mayor O'Donnell will make a brief statement reviewing the leading events of the administration. The attitude of the new commissioners and any views they may express on taking office will be followed by the public with keen interest.

It is probable that the assignment of departments will be made at Tuesday's meeting and there is considerable speculation as to the result. City hall rumor had it for a brief season that Commissioner Morse would be supplied in the street department by one of the new commissioners, but the general expectation now is that Mr. Morse will not be molested.

It had also been freely predicted after election that Mr. Warnock would be assigned to the lands and buildings department in place of Commissioner Donnelly and that Mr. Brown would have the fire and water departments. The more recent feeling at city hall is that Brown will be assigned to the finance department and that Warnock will have either the fire and water department or the lands and buildings department.

As to the lineup of the vote on important matters, talk of combinations is less from than formerly. The rumored combination of Morse, Brown and Warnock is no longer talked of, though it is known that Morse and Warnock are very friendly. Mayor O'Donnell declares emphatically that he will hold aloof from all attempts at a combination and those familiar with the practical politics of city hall expect more friction than friendliness in the new government.



HARRISONIA HOTEL

Saturday and Sunday Combinations
With Orchestra and Vocal Trio
11 P. M.

"RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW"

All arrangements for the celebration in Lowell of the New Year holiday have been completed and according to the program prepared by various local organizations, hotels, etc. there will be something doing every minute. The hotels that will hold New Year eve parties are the Waverly, Harrisonia and Richardson.

The program will include "open house" and receptions at most of the clubs. The South End club will have a New Year's banquet at their rooms in Lincoln hall, beginning at midnight. Sunday, there will be a dinner at the

FLY FROM LONG ISLAND TO PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—The first race of the 14th annual Philadelphia-New Year's regatta will take place today on a flight from Long Island and Governors Island, N. Y., to the Philadelphia navy yard, arrived at 11:45 a. m., making the trip in a little less than two hours. The machines followed the Delaware river from Trenton to Philadelphia.

Shortly after 12 o'clock four more machines alighted at the navy yard within a few minutes of each other.

The second machine to arrive at the yard landed so heavily that it buried its nose in the mud. The aviator and a passenger were thrown out of the machine but were not hurt.

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COAT THIEF GETS FIVE MONTHS

A sentence of five months in jail was handed to John McIntyre by Judge Pickman in police court this forenoon after he had pleaded guilty to two complaints charging him with the larceny of a coat valued at \$5 from Louis Brown and a coat valued at five dollars from Arthur Stockley. McIntyre was arrested yesterday by Lieut. Maher and Inspector Walsh after he had taken the Stockley coat from a building in Middlesex street. He was later accused of stealing Brown's coat from Main street and this forenoon admitted his guilt in both counts. He was committed to four months for stealing the Brown coat, and one month for the less valuable one.

When the case of Charles Kucumski, the man who offered such resistance when arrested in his home in Sullivan's court Sunday, was called, an additional complaint was added. Charles was originally accused of drunkenness and assault upon Patrolman James J. Kennedy. Today a complaint charging him with assaulting Patrick O'Neill was preferred against him. Patrolman Kennedy was not able to appear and the case was continued until next Saturday.

One woman was committed to two months in jail for drunkenness and another was sent to the same institution for ten days.

NO SUN MONDAY

Monday being a legal holiday, the first of the New Year, The Sun will suspend all editions. Tuesday's Sun will have a full account of the holiday news.

Richardson Hotel
USUAL SUNDAY AND HOLIDAY SPECIALS
Menu Par Excellence

HOTEL NAPOLI
Friend St., Boston
Table D'Hote Lunch, 11 to 3.....50c
Table D'Hote Dinner, 5 to 9.....75c
Daily Combinations.....45c
Signer Palladian's Orchestra
Open Till Midnight

SAYS REVOLVER FOUND IN RUINS SIMILAR TO ONE OWNED BY SMALL

OSISPEE, N. H., Dec. 29.—Although carried out to minute details in other respects, the inventory of household goods prepared by Frederick L. Small, on trial for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Florence A. Small, and with burning his home to conceal evidence of the crime, contained no mention of a revolver found in the ruins, nor of jewelry valued at \$6000 which Small said was in the debris. This was the testimony of Edwin C. Conner, school principal and insurance agent, who resumed his place on the witness stand today.

Conner, who was Small's companion on the trip to Boston on Sept. 25, the day Mrs. Small was killed, had previously told of the defendant's statement when he viewed the ruins of his home the next morning, "there is \$6000 worth of jewelry there I shall not want. Anybody who finds it can have it."

After identifying as Small's the handwriting of the inventory which was found in the satchel of the accused after the murder, Conner said the list included no items of jewelry or revolvers.

Conner identified the revolver which was recovered from the ruins as similar to one owned by Small. Mrs. Mary E. Conner, wife of the previous witness, was recalled to the stand and identified three rings and a watch which were found in the wreckage as property of Mrs. Small. Mrs. Lilla M. Ferron, a neighbor of the Small's also was recalled and testified to similar effect.

JUDGE SOME FIREMAN

OSISPEE, N. H., Dec. 29.—Escaping fire ignited in the dining room of the Carroll Inn late last night and spread some after Christmas decorations strung about the ceiling.

Judge Kivel, who is presiding at the

Small murder trial, J. Albert Brackett of Boston and several newspaper men rushed to the room at the first alarm and quickly extinguished the flames. The Small jury is quartered in a suite just in the rear of the dining room, but they did not know that any danger threatened.

Electrical Device in Home

Dr. John L. Bacon, of Southboro, Mass., told of an electrical device arranged by Small to illuminate a clock in his home at that place. The county solicitor in his opening statement had announced that a physician would tell of attending Mrs. Small, before the Small's moved to Ossipee, when the defendant is alleged to have hit his wife over the head with a boot-jack and threatened to kill her. When Dr. Bacon was sworn a long conference was held in chambers and the witness was dismissed after describing the illuminated clock.

Tells of Telephoning Small

Frank A. Ferron, hotel proprietor at Mountainview, corroborated previous testimony as to his telephone call to Small in Boston, advising him of the fire at his house, and of Small's visit to the ruins. He thought Small saw the burning body of his wife in the cellar. Small, he said, measured tracks on the beach with a rule which he took from his pocket.

Thought Fire Unusual

On cross-examination, Ferron said the fire impressed him as unusual in that all parts of the house seemed to be burning equally. Much time was devoted by counsel for the defense in questioning the exact words used by Small and Ferron on the telephone conversation.

BOARD OF TRADE HEARS MILK PRODUCERS

About 50 milk producers from the suburbs of Lowell gathered in the board of trade rooms in the Central block this forenoon at a meeting held under the direction of the New England Milk Producers' association. Similar meetings were held in nearly every county in New England today with the purpose of formulating plans for a thorough organization of the producers with the idea of bringing about greater co-operation among the farmers and placing the dairy business on a more profitable basis. The results of today's discussion will be laid before the annual meeting of the New England Milk Producers' association to be held next month.

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NO IMMEDIATE STRIKE ON RAILROADS

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 29.—Warren S. Stone, and W. G. Lee, heads of the railway engineers and railway trainmen's brotherhoods, respectively, arrived in Cleveland today following the rejection of the demand by the "menagers" committee that the Adams line be placed in effect January 1. Mr. Stone declared the report that a circular letter had been sent to railway employees asking for a general strike was untrue. "No circular has yet been prepared," he said.

"There will be no immediate strike," he added.

HELD IN \$10,000 ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

BROOKLYN, N. J., Dec. 29.—Charles W. Hays, embroiled \$10,000 by the Brooklyn Army Trust Corporation, was held in \$10,000 bond to answer to the company's Harrison, N. J., plant, was held in \$10,000 bond to answer to the grand jury when he was arraigned today.

REP. DIAZ PARTY HAS CROSSED INTO MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Mal. Gen. Finston commanding the American forces on the Mexican border, advised the war department today that he had been unable to substantiate rumors that a Felix Diaz filibustering party had crossed into Mexico from the United States.

Good music, A.O.H. hall, Jan. 1st.

THE TANNERY EMPLOYEES WANT 25 P. C. INCREASE

BONUS OF 10 PER CENT. OFFERED BY COMPANY—DEMAND FOR HIGHER WAGES STILL PENDING

Employees of the American Hide and Leather Co. have asked for an increase in wages of 25 per cent. The average pay is now about \$18 per week. The company has voluntarily offered a bonus of 10 per cent, but cannot grant the increase asked by the employees. There is also some difference of opinion over what constitutes a day's work. The men want to sell as a standard which the company thinks is too low.

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MONDAY EVENING AT EIGHT
Novelties—Favors—Music

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We are open daily from 9 to 1 and Saturday Evening 7 to 9

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THE SPELLBINDER

The furor over the proposed cleanup at city hall is steadily subsiding. The first of the year approaches and the fact that a little multitude of candidates still have hope, it is likely that there will be any change in the municipal building at the beginning of the new year. As the number of candidates has increased the situation has become a puzzle for those already in office. Changing officials is somewhat different procedure under the present form of government from what it was under the old form. In the old days, a number of the city council at the beginning of the year could properly move to ballot for any of the heads of departments and a ballot might be taken immediately and a man getting a majority of votes in both branches declared elected, the man in office receiving not even the consideration of a thought. But under the present charter, there can be no election without a vacancy, and the vacancy cannot only after the removal of the incumbent. He must be removed for stated reasons. Thus for "good of the service" has been considered sufficient reason by the municipal council, for no test has ever been made to determine what the court thinks about it. But, however, a distinct error on the part of the municipal council to change officials; the removal of the incumbent and the subsequent election of his successor.

The Closing Sessions

Making another comparison between the old conditions at city hall and the new, the commissioners held an afternoon session on Friday in an attempt to clean up outstanding business of importance. The members look back without leaving their seats around the big table in the mayor's reception room, where they were in conference. In days gone by the closing sessions of the government were given up to hilarity which reached its climax in a "mock session" held by the common council after its final business meeting. In one thing, however, both the old and the new are alike; in the matter of raising salaries. The members on salaries always met in December and fixed the salaries for the following year. They appear to be doing it under the new form.

The Combination is Slipping

The alleged combination of Messrs. Morse, Brown and Warnock, which has been a popular topic of discussion for the past week appears to be slipping, and may never go into effect. It seems that friends of the combination have made several attempts to have a conference of the three, but in each case Mr. Brown has failed to appear. Mr. Brown is cutting sheep's eyes at Mr. Donnelly while some of their friends have been sounding out Mayor O'Donnell as to his attitude in the matter of assignments. But whatever the mayor may have in mind in the way of a change, he and his closest friends will not venture a guess as to what he may or may not do. It is known that Mr. Brown does not want the water department and that the does want the street department. Mr. Morse also wants to remain at the head of the street department, and there is only one department of streets. Mr. Donnelly would like to retain his position over the building department though he has had experience in both the street and finance departments. Mr. Warnock is said to have a desire to head the department over which Mr. Donnelly now presides. And nobody speaks for the finance department, the easiest of all, for its commissioner.

The Messenger's Job

An interesting item in the Courier-Citizen a day or two ago on the subject of city messengers might lead one to believe that the messenger is simply what his official title implies, when as a matter of fact his messenger duties are but a small part of his work. City Messenger Monahan is a little man but he has a whole lot of responsibility on his shoulders and works longer hours than any other man in city hall. He is the custodian of city hall and has the spending of two appropriations, that for city hall amounting to \$18,500 and the messenger's appropriation of \$150. Under his jurisdiction are three janitors, one color man, five charwomen, one engineer and three firemen. He is responsible for the heating and lighting of both city hall and the Memorial building and the cleaning of city hall. The Courier-Citizen referred to an "as-

TRANSPORT WITH RUSSIAN TROOPS SUNK BY MINE

BERLIN, Dec. 29, by wireless to St. Petersburg. The Finnish steamer Ohlona of 1973 tons with a regiment of Russian coast artillery from the Aland islands on board, struck a mine and sank in a few minutes, according to a despatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Copenhagen. All on board with the exception of 20 persons are said to have been drowned. The steamer was bound for Helsingfors. In addition to the men lost, 1000 horses went down with the ship.

GERMANY YIELDS TO THE REQUEST OF POPE

BERLIN, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 30.—Germany has decided to release for internment in Switzerland, 100 French prisoners of war, fathers of three or more children and inmates of German prison camps for 18 months.

REASONS FOR FAILURE OF GERMAN FOOD SYSTEM

BATOCKI SAYS PRODUCERS EITHER CONSUME SUPPLIES OR SELL IN THEIR VICINITY

BERLIN, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 30.—Adolf T. Batocki, president of the food regulation board, assigns as reasons for the failure of the system of maximum prices without appropriation of supplies the fact that producers either consume supplies themselves or sell to consumers in their vicinity. And new and more suggestions by Pope Benedict, will be extended, it is stated, should France display a disposition to reciprocate.

HELD POLICE FORCE, AT BAY SEVERAL HOURS

BALTIMORE MAN SHOT PHYSICIAN AND DEPIED SCOT OF POLICE-MEN

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 30.—After defying for six hours efforts of a score of policemen and a number of residents of Gwynns, a suburb, to take him, George C. Gantz, 22 years old, who, in a fit of insanity yesterday morning, shot his physician, Dr. Geo. A. Hedding, was captured late yesterday. Dr. Hedding was wounded in the arm and shoulder, but not seriously. Gantz' face was cut by small shot and he was taken to the hospital.

LICENSE BOARD HELD SPECIAL MEETING

The license commission held a special meeting at 10 o'clock this forenoon with all members present. The board considered and public amusement licenses that expire on the last day of the year. The theatre licenses granted were as follows: Samuel Orbach, 1001, capacity, 1100; Harpoot and Tekijian Jewel, 601 Merrimack street, capacity, 722; Sirovsky Theatre Co., Inc., opera house, 217 Central street and 400 Gorbant street, capacity, 1350; Crown Theatre Co., Inc., Solomon Knopf, 72 Middlesex street, capacity, 1000; E. F. Keith's by Frank J. Sherwood, agent, 7-27, Broadway, capacity, 1700; Lowell Theatre Co., Merrimack Square theatre, by W. J. Nelson, 146 Polite street, capacity, 1220; Royal theatre, George Henson, 488 Merrimack street, capacity, 957.

The afternoon license granted were: James E. Hanson, Rock street, 200; Frank E. Baker, 45 Oliver street; Walter E. Gypelle, 50 Central street; Geo. E. Hildes, 218 Hildreth building; Eugene E. Mansur, 22 Central street; E. Gaston Campbell, 325-328, Hildreth building.

JOHN MYERS PROUD OF HIS NEPHEW

John Y. Myers, the local auto supply man, is very proud of his nephew, Walter R. Courgey, of School street, who on Christmas day rescued 8-year-old Kendall A. Parker from drowning in the Merrimack river.

FIREMEN SUMMONED BY TELEPHONE

A telephone alarm at 11:29 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a blaze in the attic of a house at 12 Burr street occupied by George M. Foster and family. Mr. Foster's mother, aged about 87 years, was in the room when the fire started but made her escape before sustaining any burns.

THE BARGAIN MAN



JOHN Y. MYERS, 233 Middlesex Street

Tires and Tubes

LEADING MAKES 40 to 60 per cent. off list prices
12 Ford Radiator Covers, \$1.00
10 Bygon Fire Extinguishers, \$5.00
\$1.00 Tire Gauges, 85c
\$2.50 Auto Jacks, \$1.50
Best Auto Oil, 33c per gal.
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LAST TIMES TODAY
CHARLES CHAPLIN
In His Latest
"THE RINK"

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BUNTING CLUB—TONIGHT
GOOD PRIZES
NEW YEAR'S CONCERT
SATURDAY, DEC. 31, 8 P. M.
William E. Hanson, Pres. will address the members. Subject: "Club Life in Lowell."

SUNDAY

THE BANNER BILL OF THE SEASON
Those Clever Lowell Boys
HONEY BOY QUARTET
To Twenty Minutes of Song
The Chummy Vets—A Dandy
WISNER'S ANIMALS
20—Dogs, 10—Monkeys—25
CUMMINGS and STOREY
A Couple of Nerves and a Piano
McINTYRE and ADAMS
In Song and Fun Character
WILLIAMS and CULVER
A Really Clever Pair

MORRIS PLAN COMPANY TO OPEN WEDNESDAY

With the opening of The Lowell Morris Plan company this city takes another progressive step by providing the expert solution of a financial problem which hitherto has been left to the untrained individual to solve for himself.

This financial problem—how best to furnish industrial credits—is not peculiar to Lowell but is the outgrowth of economic conditions, and it is precisely these conditions The Lowell Morris Plan company is equipped to meet here.

In every well balanced financial system there should be three forms of credit—commercial, rural and industrial. The business man has his credit needs supplied by national state and private banks, and the federal government has supplied the machinery for rural credits.

It was left to The Morris Plan to provide the solution of the third and equally important one of these credit phases—industrial credits—by furnishing banking facilities for the workman and salaried employee by extending loan accommodations at a reasonable rate.

Character The Basis of Credit
It was The Morris Plan method of making small loans which first attracted the attention and then captured the endorsement of the business world, for through it, character becomes the basis of credit.

In other words, if a man has character he possesses collateral on which he can obtain credit at The Lowell Morris Plan company and the loan is made to him at a rate of interest so reasonable that he realizes at once that he has obtained that recognition due to a man who has earned the right to have his financial needs filled by a company which is neither a philanthropic institution nor a system for exploiting the temporarily unfortunate.

From the viewpoint of The Morris Plan, every man who has good character and an earning capacity is entitled to credit in keeping with his needs. The laborer, the mechanic and the salaried employee each have the right to expect that a business-like provision shall be made to meet their financial needs. Charity is as great an insult to these men as extortion is an injustice.

How a Loan is Obtained
If a workman or salaried employee is confronted by an urgent need for money he can go to The Morris Plan company and state his problem. He is not asked to pledge as security his watch or jewelry, overcoat, household goods or anything of the kind. Indeed it may be that he wants to obtain a loan from The Morris Plan company in order that he can redeem his personal property already pledged.

In The Morris Plan office he will be asked to give information relating to his earning capacity, and to name his character references. If the questions are answered satisfactorily he will be given an application blank and a note, and the method of filling out both will be explained to him in detail.

It is necessary to have two co-makers of good character sign the application and the note with him. When the application and the note are signed by him and his co-makers they are returned to The Morris Plan company and go for approval to the loan committee.

If the results of the investigation are satisfactory, the cash is paid over to the borrower. The cash is charged at six per cent and is deducted from the amount of the loan, just as commercial banks do it.

There is an investigation charge of \$1 for every \$50 or part thereof borrowed, but no investigation charge exceeds \$5. This charge, however, is not made if the loan is not granted. John H. Murphy will be in charge, occupying the position of treasurer and general manager.

TWO STATES TO AID BOSTON & MAINE

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Assurances of favorable legislation in Vermont and New Hampshire respecting the reorganization of the Boston & Maine railroad were given by former Gov. Geo. H. Prouty of Vermont and Frank E. Carpenter of Manchester, N. H., at the receivership proceedings before Judge Morton in the United States district court yesterday.

Mr. Prouty, who has been a director of the road since 1913, testified that he was certain favorable legislation could be secured from the Vermont legislature this year to bring about a reorganization of the Boston & Maine, despite the failure of last year.

Mr. Carpenter, who is a paper manufacturer at Manchester, N. H., and one of the federal trustees and a director since 1913, was equally certain of favorable action by the New Hampshire legislature, which convenes on Tuesday. Failure to secure such action last year, he said, was due to the fact that the directors had at that time no definite plan of reorganization to offer.

Attorney Conrad W. Crocker, counsel for one of the minority stockholders in whose behalf the hearing was held, stated that he expected to examine President James H. Hustis of the Boston & Maine on Tuesday, when the hearing will be resumed. He also thought that he would have to summon the Boston bankers who have been mentioned in connection with the reorganization plans, especially Robert Winsor of Kidder, Peabody & Co.

THE LOWELL TEACHERS' ORGANIZATION

MISS AMY BAKER, Reader assisted by MISS SUSAN GRIFFIN and MISS LAURA GREENE in Duets

Tuesday, January 2nd
At four-fifteen o'clock, Colonial Hall.
Tickets for non-members 25 Cents.

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A PACE SETTING SHOW FOR 1917
DAN B. ELY Presents

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A Modern Minstrel Creation Featuring "LA CHESTA, The Girl on Her Toes."

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In a Musical Highball
SAMAROFF & SONIA
Russian Peasant Entertainers
NELSON WARING
A Man and a Piano

Big Relay Team Races at Rollaway

Billy Yale of New Haven and Harry Burke of Bridgeport, racing Albert Nobes, of Lowell, and Billy Moffatt of Worcester.
TONIGHT, 10 MILES, AND MONDAY (NEW YEAR'S DAY), A PURSUIT RACE

TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SEE "IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE"

Next Week Attraction Extraordinary
The Emerson Players Will Present Carl Hagen's Brilliant Dramatic success—The Season's Sensation

The Man She Loved

A Play with a Greater Punch than "Within the Law"—A Play with a Punch and a Purpose.
THE BIGGEST HIT IN MANY SEASONS
ON Account of the Big Demand for Seats It is Wise to make Reservations Early.
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HIT THE TRAIL TO THE OPERA HOUSE

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The Theatre of Big Things

Crown Theatre

TODAY
BIG DOUBLE BILL
Alice Brady
"THEN I'LL COME BACK TO YOU,"
AND
CHARLIE CHAPLIN in a Mutual Chaplin Comedy
OTHER ATTRACTIONS

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Tomorrow at Sunday Concert
LENORE ULRICH in "The Better Woman"
MANY OTHER FEATURES
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1, 2, 3
BIG HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MARGUERITE CLARK

In a Picturization of Her Greatest Stage Success
"SNOW WHITE"
In which she appeared for two seasons at Winthrop Ames' Little Theatre, N. Y.

It is the first time that Marguerite Clark has appeared on the screen in an adaptation of one of her previous stage successes. BRING THE CHILDREN TO SEE THIS WONDER PHOTO PLAY

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION

J. Warren Kerrigan and Lois Wilson
IN
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A Drama of Lights and Shadows of the East and West
Other Photoplays. Latest News in "Our Pathe News"
CONCERT ORCHESTRA
Just a reminder—Last you forget—New Year's Day is a Legal Holiday—Performance continuous from 1.30 P. M. to 10 P. M.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS:—The strides made by this theatre in its earnest effort to present the bigger, better and more important features cannot be denied. And it is pleasing to observe that our efforts have found the well-merited approval of a large and growing clientele. It is not ego that prompts the prediction that we will progress even further in the twelve months to come. Rather it is a confidence and the determination that in the future, as in the past, there shall be presented here only clean, wholesome amusement, with the best possible performances at the lowest possible prices with our best known policy of square dealing and honest entertainment value. In conclusion the management extends its sincere wishes for a New Year of Prosperity and Happiness.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

LAST TIME—TONIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK
"A NIGHT OUT"

SUNDAY CONCERT

Double Bill
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Expressed in a manner grateful for the 1916 patronage at our two stores, and the subsequent increase in the year's business.

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A Happy New Year

To all, with many thanks for the patronage which made 1916 our most prosperous year.

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BOARD OF TRADE

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was the speaker at the local meeting. The idea of the organization is for better milk, co-operative purchase of supplies and associated selling, he said. It is proposed to have the brand "Made in New England" applied to dairy products, become so well and favorably known to New England consumers that every pound of butter and cheese consumed in New England should be produced there. Many questions were asked and answered by Mr. Tingham after his talk.

The mass meeting of the Middlesex county farmers held here today was in charge of Norman L. Peabody, Lowell, deputy of the state grange.

Mr. Tingham's Address

"My friends, if there was no other reason for your being here it would be furnished by the report just issued of the special milk board of the state board of health. That report must give you all courage to continue, and in itself furnishes a reason for your co-operating. To the best of my knowledge you are at last fairly treated by a state commission, and made to feel that a profitable business for yourself must, and can, depend upon your own efforts. You are made to feel that you as producers will not be further hampered by unjust criticism or by one-sided legislation providing you yourselves put your shoulder to the wheel and help toward better milk and better profits from it, for yourselves.

The report plainly states that the public can only expect better milk when it pays to make it better, and that they propose to co-operate to that end. Before we go into the details of the N.E.M.P.A. let us acquaint ourselves with a few facts from that report. To give an idea of the financial importance of dairying in Massachusetts the following facts are given: 347,000 milk cows at an average value of \$80 equals \$28,560,000. The same number of cows yielding 534 quarts daily at a value of only 4 cents a quart equals \$12,000,000 a year. Then using New York state figures, for land values, etc., per acre, of \$850 for land, buildings, feed, milk, etc., it equals the tremendous sum of \$99,560,000 to finance the cows on our Massachusetts farms. And at one man for eight hours we have 18,375 men working 14 hours a day to feed and milk these cows.

To have all this tremendous amount of capital wasted, and this labor in vain, because the business is not profitable certainly justifies the present work of organization. Figures are trusted so easily I have to quote them, but the fact that in 1900 there were 600,000 cows in Massachusetts, with a population of 2,500,000, and today we have only 150,000 cows and a population of 2,500,000, tells our story. No further comment is necessary. We

must go out of business or meet our problem squarely. We must get better prices for our product, and give better value as well, and to get better prices, and to teach us to give better value we must associate together—combine if you please, combine legally and righteously for a living profit, but as well combine for better standardizing and grading of our product. Simply we cannot do it; combined we can do anything except procure a high price for a poor article. That cannot be done, and it is no part of our business to say so.

"We do not intend to be unfair to the consumer, we cannot afford to be for a minute, but we must protect ourselves by a living profit on our business, and we must do it by combination, because we are up against combination.

"As dairy products are distributed regardless of county or state lines, and the welfare of each cow owner is the interest of all cow owners, it seems to me that the only way is for a New England wide federation to the end that we can better serve our customers and ourselves.

The purpose of this meeting here today is to see if you will put your shoulder to the wheel; to see if you will join in this grand movement which is being made today, this minute, in every county in New England, to put dairying on a better business basis. Do you believe that our New England markets should be supplied with milk and cream made in New England? Will you help to this end?"

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Tonight at 8 o'clock is the last opportunity to see the Max Asher Musical Comedy Co. in the play, "A Night Out." This company of 20 star performers (mostly girls) presents the play in a very appealing way. This play must not be confused with the motion pictures which have previous shown at this theatre. Tomorrow Sunday, there will be a big double bill, including six fine vaudeville acts and several feature moving pictures, among which will be two-act Charlie Chaplin releases.

Billy Hall who will present his Musical Comedy company at the Academy of Music New Year's day is considered one of the most versatile comedians in musical comedy. He does not depend on any one character as he is equally at home in any of the following: Tramp, blackface, old man, rube, Irishman, silly country boy or a juvenile. He is also a musician of no mean ability, and can sing a comedy song with the best of them. He is also a very clever artist with the brush and has painted most of the scenery that his company carries.

Mr. Hall has surrounded himself with a very clever company of artists and a bevy of pretty girls who can sing and dance excellently. Miss Effie, the school teacher of his company, is considered one of the prettiest and best gowned women of the stage. In the company is a prodigious dancer who no doubt will please everybody with her wonderful grace and style. Miss Grace Williams is a very nice juvenile singer and can render a ballad in most any style manner. Her costuming is right up to the minute and the pony ballet is a very



RING OUT THE OLD

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Vesper Country club at the same hour and it will be followed by dancing. Festivities at the C.M.A.C. in Pawtucket street, will start at 9 o'clock and continue till the wee hours of the morning. Other entertainments will include a ladies' night at Club Lafayette, a banquet at Club Chicago-Americans, a banquet at the Riverside club, a buffet luncheon and reception under the auspices of the South Lowell Improvement association, a buffet luncheon and reception by Card Society, in the Sacred Heart hall, East Pine street. Tomorrow the Centralville Social club will keep open house all day for the members and the program will include a buffet luncheon and entertainment.

The Episcopal churches will usher in the new year by special services tomorrow evening, while Catholic churches will hold special services tomorrow evening, Monday morning and

evening, Monday being a holy day of obligation.

In Lawrence a grand banquet will be given in the National hall and then John of this city has been invited to be the speaker of the evening at the festivities, but on account of his numerous engagements in his home city, he was forced to decline the invitation.

The workers of Lowell with the exception of the mail carriers, policemen, firemen and street car men will be given the whole day to rest and celebrate. All the mills closed at noon today not to reopen until Tuesday morning. The Lawson Store Service Co. closed its plant last evening until Tuesday morning. The stores and other places of business will also suspend operations during the entire day. The mail carriers, however, will make one delivery in the morning and if it is deemed necessary some of the carriers will make two or more deliveries.

There will be matinee and evening performances in all local theatres.

"The Man She Loved" will be presented at the Lowell Opera House, vaudeville at O. E. Keith's, musical comedy at the Academy of Music and motion picture programs in all other houses.

The Holiday Bill

The bill making New Year's a legal holiday was introduced in the legislature by Rep. Henri Achin of this city for the first time, in 1914. At that time there was a tie vote in the lower house and Speaker Cushing killed the bill by voting against it. The following year the bill went through the lower house, but was killed in the senate by a majority of 8. This year the bill was presented in the form of a referendum and was carried by a large margin.

The sweeping majority was a great victory for the Lowell legislators, who seconded the efforts of Rep. Achin in pushing the bill through. Massachusetts was the last state in the union to make New Year's a legal holiday.

INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES UPHELD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Increased freight rates, averaging 13 cents a ton on bituminous and channel coal from western Pennsylvania to Rochester and New York and New England points were today found justified by the Interstate commerce commission.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Edith H. Binzen of Fordham university won the national junior tennis championship by defeating Henry B. O'Boyle of Georgetown university in the finals today, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.

Willard Botford and Rowland H. Haines, Columbia university, won the doubles title, defeating Francis W. Hopkins and E. L. Hopkins, Yale university, 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

FUNERALS

LOVEJOY.—The funeral of Rev. Geo. E. Lovejoy, a former secretary of the Lowell Y.M.C.A., was held Thursday from his home in Lawrence. Services were conducted at the South Congregational church, Lawrence, at 1 o'clock and were attended by a large number of mourners, including several clergymen of the city. The services were in charge of Rev. Frederick A. Wilson, pastor of the Free church, Andover, while Rev. C. H. Clifton of the First Congregational church of Andover delivered the eulogy.

At the conclusion of the services the body was brought to the Lowell cemetery and burial was in the family lot. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. A. C. Ferrin of the High Street Congregational church.

ELLIS.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Ellis was held from the home of her son, Herbert B. Ellis, High street, Chelmsford Centre, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. L. Lefter Green, pastor of the Congregational church at Chelmsford Centre. Burial was in the family lot in the Grove cemetery at Belfast. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

WAIN.—The funeral services of John Wain took place at his home in North Billerica yesterday afternoon. The services were held at his home and were officiated by Rev. Walter H. Deacon, pastor, affiliated St. James' church, North Billerica. The services were held at 2 o'clock and were attended by many mourners. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

and John T. King. Among the floral offerings were: Pines, ferns and lilies from family, and Mrs. Emma E. Wain, Elizabeth A. Clark and Mrs. J. J. Kerton. A beautiful set piece with clock, the hands pointing to the hour of her death, inscribed "Shadows" from the employees of the Highland Steam laundry, where Mrs. Wain formerly worked; cross on base inscribed "Loving Daughter," from her mother; wreath on base inscribed "Aunt Etta," from her sister, Mrs. Mary McElroy, and Mrs. Mary McElroy, Mrs. Oscar Spencer, Clover club, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Lord and Mrs. W. J. Jones. Burial was in the family lot in the Grove cemetery, where the burial service was read by Rev. Mr. Deacon. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers Young & Blake.

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BILLINGS.—The funeral of Percy Billings was held from his home, 224 Christian street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. W. P. Preston, pastor of the Central St. E. church. Mrs. W. P. Preston sang "Nearer My God to Thee." Among the floral offerings were the following: Willow branches, Mrs. Hilbert Goyette, Mrs. Mary P. Papp, son, daughter, mother, and pieces from Mr. and Mrs. George McElroy and family, Mrs. and Miss George McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. William McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bryant, William Goyette, Mr. McElroy and family, Ladies Aid Society of Centralville, M. E. church. The bearers were Mr. McElroy, Joseph McElroy, William Goyette, and John Goyette. Burial was in the family lot in the Grove cemetery, where the burial service was read by Rev. Mr. Preston. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

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WE THANK YOU for your loyal patronage during the year 1916 and hope that we may assist in promoting your happiness during the coming year, providing you with refined amusement.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Ladies'

Tailoring

Gents'

known and highly respected resident of this city and a member of St. Peter's parish died this morning at his late home, 27 Rogers street, aged 66 years. The remains were removed to the funeral chambers of Higgins Bros.

BENT.—Ferdinand A. Bent, aged 80 years, died last night at the Chelmsford street hospital. The deceased was a native of Billerica, Mass. April 22, 1836, with company C, 4th regiment, Mass. Infantry for three months and was discharged on July 22, 1861. After returning to Lowell he joined company C of the sixth regiment. The body was removed to the funeral chapel of Undertakers Simmons and Brown.

ABIN.—William, aged 5 months, died today at the home of the parents, Assad and Marguerite Abis, 139 Cushing street.

MASS NOTICE
There will be a month's mind mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Della Quady next Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock at St. Patrick's church.

MASS NOTICE
There will be an anniversary high mass at St. Michael's church Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock for the repose of the soul of John J. Tracy.

FUNERAL NOTICES

BOYNE.—The funeral of James A. Boyne will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons. Services will be held at St. Peter's church at 3 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery.

BENT.—Died in this city, Dec. 29, at the Chelmsford street hospital, Mr. Ferdinand A. Bent. Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Undertakers Simmons & Brown on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends are invited. Undertakers Simmons & Brown in charge.

BALON.—The funeral of Peter Balon will take place Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the parlors of C. H. Molloy's Sons. Services at the Greek church at 2 o'clock. Burial in Westlawn cemetery. C. H. Molloy's Sons in charge of funeral arrangements.

BROWN.—Died in Pelham, N. H., Dec. 29, Mary F. Brown, aged 88 years. Funeral services will be held from the home of Undertakers Young & Blake Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. Burial at Billerica, Mass.

CRAWFORD.—Died in this city, Dec. 29, at 27 Varnum avenue, Margaret L. Crawford, aged 31 years, 3 months, 3 days. Funeral services will be held from the funeral home of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck, 16 Market street, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 31, at 2:30 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial at Billerica, Mass. Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck.

CROWLEY.—The funeral of the late Thomas Crowley will take place Sunday morning at 10 o'clock from the chapel of James F. O'Donnell & Sons. A mass of requiem will be sung at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Burial at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

YOUNG.—Mrs. Margaret Young, a well

DOLAN.—The funeral of the late John Dolan will take place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his home, 461 Broadway. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery. A mass of requiem will be sung at 9 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. Burial at St. Patrick's church. Undertaker James F. O'Donnell & Sons in charge.

FELLEN.—Elizabeth C. Fellen, Centre Dec. 28, at his home, Olin L. Fuller, aged 65 years, 3 months, 13 days. Funeral services will be held from his home in Billerica Centre Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

HOWARD.—Died, Dec. 29th, in this city, Maria P. Howard, aged 80 years, 9 mos. and 20 days, at her home, 123 Myrtle street. Funeral services will be held at 123 Myrtle street, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All friends are invited without further notice. Burial will be in Reading, Mass. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

KAYE.—Died in this city, Dec. 28, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Francis Carman, 839 Lakeview avenue, Joshua Kaye, aged 75 years, and 1 month. Funeral services will be held at the home, 839 Lakeview avenue on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

MACALDIN.—Died in this city, Dec. 28, at the home of her nephew, Dec. 28, 1916, Elizabeth Macaladin, aged 92 years. Funeral services will be held from the home of her niece, Mary J. Macaladin, 21 Sixth avenue, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

PENNEL.—Died in this city, Dec. 22, at her home, 958 Bridge street, Anne L. Pennell. Funeral services will be held from her home, 958 Bridge street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. Burial at Billerica, Mass. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

REGAN.—Died, Dec. 29th, in this city, Mrs. Clara M. Regan, aged 45 years, 7 mos. and 25 days, at her home, 19 Juniper street. Funeral services will be held at 19 Juniper street, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

STANLEY.—The funeral of Thomas P. Stanley will take place Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock from his late home, 34 Pearl street. High mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

YOUNG.—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Young will take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the funeral chambers of Higgins Bros. Lawrence street. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. There will be a high mass of requiem Tuesday morning at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock for the repose of the soul. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

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OUR INCOME TAX LAWS

The state income tax law goes into effect with the opening of the new year and is a matter which must be attended to by all concerned as heavy penalties are provided for neglect.

The law is very complicated in some of its features, although Mr. Joseph E. Perry, the income tax assessor for Middlesex county, and his deputy, J. H. Gilbride, at the meeting in Middlesex hall on Thursday evening, made the leading features of the act as clear as any explanation could make them. The report published in yesterday's Sun should, therefore, be studied by all those interested so that nobody may incur the penalties of the law.

Those who have taxable incomes of any kind are required to file their statements before March 1, 1917. Persons who are in doubt as to whether the law applies to them should consult either Mr. Perry or Mr. Gilbride at once so that all risk of incurring the penalties of the law may be avoided.

Any person who receives any income from taxable stocks, bonds or money at interest or from taxable sources, such as annuities and stock market transactions, is required to file a return of his income. Any person receiving an income of \$2000 or over from business, trade, profession or employment must also file a statement of such income with the proper authorities. The amount of the tax varies with the nature of the income and ranges from one and a half per cent. to six per cent., but there are many deductions and exemptions which make the law one of the most intricate pieces of legislation placed upon the statute books of this commonwealth for many years.

The penalties fixed for evasion or neglect to comply with the provisions of the law range from a fine of five dollars per day to a fine of \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than a year or by both such fine and imprisonment. One section of the law provides for distribution of the tax to the cities and towns. Here is the basis upon which the city's share shall be computed: The tax rate on personal property in 1915 will be applied to the total valuation of such property in 1917. The state will pay to the city the difference between this amount and the amount of the taxes produced by personal property in 1915. If any amount is left over after meeting these payments and the necessary expenses, it will be disbursed to cities and towns in proportion to the amount of their state tax in 1917.

The new law is expected to reach several billions of intangible property that up to the present has escaped taxation. Should the intent of the law in this respect be realized it will certainly prove highly beneficial to the municipalities of the commonwealth.

THE FEDERAL LAW

It should be remembered that the state income tax law, of which we have been speaking, has no connection whatsoever with the federal income tax law which is enforced by the federal authorities. Under this law every citizen of the United States, whether residing at home or abroad and every alien resident of the United States, shall pay a tax of one per cent. annually upon his or her entire net income in excess of \$3000 and under \$20,000. A like tax shall be paid by non-residents upon the entire net income from all property and of every business, trade or profession carried on in the United States.

The percentage of the tax increases with the amount of the income over \$20,000 until an income of \$500,000 is taxed nine per cent. and an income of \$1,500,000 up to \$2,000,000 pays twelve per cent. There is also a scale of taxes imposed on corporations, the normal rate being two per cent. The tax upon the transfer of estates of deceased persons is one per cent. for an estate valued not over \$50,000, the rate ascending by a graded scale until the tax reaches ten per cent. of the amount by which the estate exceeds \$5,000,000.

The collector of internal revenue, John F. Malley, with an office in Boston, collects this tax for this district.

This law was passed in 1913 and is a democratic measure intended to reach those best able to pay.

THE PEACE TALK

Henceforth President Wilson will keep silent upon rumors relative to peace in Europe. He has apparently been misunderstood in many cases. Now that Germany is to make known to him confidentially the terms upon which she would welcome peace, he cannot afford to be interviewed in reference thereto lest he might be placed in the attitude of divulging state secrets. The president has apparently started a peace move which is likely to bring the belligerents together in the long run and finally to result in the termination of the war.

The nations at war are daily becoming more nearly exhausted. Germany has reached the limit of her resources or else she would not be so ready to make peace and she may soon reach the conclusion that to secure peace she will have to yield a great deal more than she is willing to concede at the present time.

Food riots are starting in some parts of the empire showing that the supply is very short. But for the supplies from Rumania, Bulgaria and Turkey, the Teutons could not have held out so long. There is a very strict censorship in force in the central powers so that the outside world does not know much of what is going on there.

In spite of all obstacles, however, Germany is maintaining her fighting strength at the various fronts so that she holds back the entente allies with wonderful success. How long she will be able to do this or what the new drives planned by the entente will amount to, remains to be seen. The cost of continuing the war is so enormous that it may lead the allies to cut down their demands to a considerable extent but such wants some concession, if not satisfaction, for the past while all want absolute security for the future.

IN RETROSPECT

For Lowell a review of the past year is full of events upon which our city may well felicitate itself. In the matter of municipal progress, the work

accomplished is very satisfactory. Every department at city hall ran show good results. The city's water supply is now excellent as a result of the filtration plant installed, while our fire department during the year was successful in saving the city from serious losses, although many alarms came from the dangerous districts.

The past year brought no murder to disgrace the name of our city and generally there has been an absence of serious lawlessness of any kind.

In business the conditions have been the most prosperous in our history, a fact that is vouchsafed by the absence of unemployed and the well being of the masses. Nobody who wanted work had any difficulty in finding it, while the rate of wages paid in every industry has been the highest in our history. This was due no doubt to the high cost of living and the fact that the prices of all manufactured products were pushed up by the general tendency of the times.

At the present time our industries are still prosperous and our city will enter upon the New Year with excellent prospects of success in every line of business activity. The prospect of making the Merrimack river navigable was never so bright and this will doubtless engage the attention of our citizens to a greater extent during the coming year.

THE SALARY GRAB

That was a salary grab pure and simple which was put through at city hall yesterday over the protest and vote of Mayor O'Donnell. The principal increases apparently go to the officials with a payroll, some of whom are already receiving more than they are worth and for whom an advance seems but a raid on the treasury. If any increase is given to the police department

ment it should go to the patrolmen who are the lowest paid in the state. If the increase which they now ask were granted, they would still be paid lower than the patrolmen of Lawrence and Fall River, the two cities which with Lowell pay their patrolmen lower than the other cities of the state.

It is to be hoped that the new commissioners will stand by Mayor O'Donnell in preventing this eleventh hour raid upon the treasury. If it can be blocked by legal means.

SPRINGFIELD HONORED

The city of Springfield is to be congratulated upon being selected to have one of the twelve Farm Loan banks to be located in different parts of the country. The selection is a good one as Springfield is a city of the right character for such an institution. The establishment will mean much to Springfield as it will make it a great financial center for New England, New York and New Jersey. It will make Springfield more than ever deserving of her distinguishing title, the City of Homes.

THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

The Sun in observance of our first New Year holiday will suspend all editions on Monday. We sincerely hope the holiday will be fully enjoyed by all and that for our beloved city, it will mark the opening of another prosperous year. To Sun readers we wish health, happiness and prosperity for the coming year.

"Scrapping for positions" is the order of things at city hall. The positions may soon be filled but the scrapping is likely to continue through the year.

It is understood that the New Year resolutions this year will stretch from the night before well into the day after.

Seen and Heard

We may be short on Lowell boosters, but we have salary boosters galore.

Don't forget that the easiest thing in the world is to invite your own undoing.

The Germans want peace. That's what they wanted when they started, but they spelled it "piece" then, and it meant a piece of everything in sight.

Nature Study

Anna's sly and snaky ways Made simple Susan ponder; And it took her many days To learn that Anna conned her. —Springfield Union.

Mame was very fond of Al Until he called her skinny, And then she told her girl friend That she thought Al a Guinea.

Keeping Up With Father

It was a Pike county woman who indited a note to the teacher concerning the punishment of her young hopeful. The note ran thus:

"Dear Miss — You rite me about whippin' Sammy. I hereby give you permission to beat him up any time it is necessary to learn his lesson. He is just like his father—you have to learn him with a club. Found nolge into him. I want him to get it and don't pay no attention what his father says—'I'll handle him.'—Reading Eagle.

Hopper and Whopper

Chairman Hay of the house military committee was talking about industrial preparedness.

"Our bill for industrial preparedness," he said, "will do a lot, but it won't take the place of an army and navy. There has been exaggerated talk about this bill—talk that reminds me of the Arizona man. In a dry, dusty region of Arizona a tourist said to a dry, dusty native: 'Doesn't it ever rain here in Arizona?' 'Rain?' said the native. 'Rain? Why, stranger we got bullfrogs in Arizona over eight years old that haint learned to swim yet.'—Washington Star.

Telephone Topics

The current issue of "Telephone Topics" gives the following instance of "Service in the Line of Exchange": "Loring a recent automobile trip to Worcester. Suburbaner stopped at a store between Lowell and Lawrence and purchased gasoline. Before leaving he gave the proprietor a box for destruction, thinking the contents worthless. When he arrived home he found that the box had contained six.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bad wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Saunders, Box W, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.

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verware. About 2:50 o'clock in the evening he called the lot operator and asked her to find this store. If possible, he could not remember the name of the store nor its location. The supervisors at Lowell, Lawrence and Fall River were asked to assist and in about 30 minutes the store was located at the Worcester subscriber learned that the box had not been destroyed.

With the Firemen

Few people other than those who have occasion to visit the firehouses throughout the city realize the amount of work that the firemen do to benefit the department and save the city's money. The department is made up of all classes of mechanics and tradesmen and when it comes to making repairs, etc., considerable money is saved the city each year by the firemen. Many people are of the opinion that when there are no fires the members of the department are enjoying themselves, but let them visit one of the houses and as a general rule it will be found that one or more of the men are doing something which is along the line of improvement. Instead of sending automobile apparatus to one of the garages when something goes wrong there are enough mechanics who understand the machines from the radiator to the rear axle and it matters not whether it is the loosening of bolts, the welding of a part, or anything else, as a general rule the firemen are able to do the work.

All kinds of machine and lathe work is done by the firemen. Repairs are made and many ingenious inventions assist in the workings of the department.

The writer had occasion to enter the central fire station yesterday and in conversation with the operator on the telephone switchboard noticed various colored plugs inserted on the board on the right of the switchboard. One colored plug represents the engine, another the trucks, a third the hose wagons and one lone plug the protective company. In case any of these pieces of apparatus are out extending or away from the station, word is telephoned to the central fire station and the plug which represents the piece of apparatus is removed. As soon as the apparatus returns the plug is inserted so that at all times the operator on the switchboard knows whether or not the different pieces of apparatus are at the station. In the event of a telephone alarm being sent in if the pieces of apparatus which should respond to the alarm are out the operator dispatches other apparatus. This system was inaugurated by Thomas F. Conway, phone inspector at the central fire station, and has proved to be very valuable in saving time and probably much property damage.

Ring Out Wild Dells

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The dying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go,
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,The faithless colds of the great world;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Alfred Tennyson.

They Do Say

That leap year is ready to take its leap.

That the track season will be on in a few days.

That the ice men are becoming optimistic again.

That the call of the Thrift club had a fine response.

That one should be careful of the slippery sidewalks.

That air rides and mischief-makers are a bad mixture.

That no man has ever heard both sides of all stories.

That the Volas proved good entertainers last evening.

That the sand men shipped many bad places on their way.

That when a fellow pays for a team heat he expects to get it.

That the fire loss in Lowell this year was exceptionally low.

That a touch of the telephone has made the whole world akin.

That we are preparing to usher in the new year in a new way.

That if you can't look the world in the face it's your own fault.

That no lounge plant grows more easily or quickly than a grouch.

That there's not much time left for the making of good resolutions.

That the small trial for receiving large space in the newspapers.

That the New Year holiday bill will not go into effect until next year.

That many people are making resolutions for the new year. Some of them resolutions, not the people—will not last long.

That life and health and youth and good nature are worth all the gold of the Indies.

That the man who knows it all can anticipate what you are going to say. Let him tell it.

That some of the administrative officers at city hall will receive a fine New Year's gift.

That persons who advertise steam-heated rooms and let refrigerators ought to be looked up.

That many of the sport fans are wishing there would be a revival of roller polo in this city.

That the youngsters and some of the old fellows have been enjoying skating the past few days.

That the city ordinance for the removal of ice should also apply to the removal of ice.

That it looks as though the people of Fitchburg would have to do without a new bridge for a few years.

That the new holiday will be enjoyed by many while others would prefer to work and not have the day's pay.

That Market street from Central to

the police station is a great place these days to test automobile tires.

That it is now Treasurer John H. Murphy of the Morris Loan Co. and Secretary Bolger of the board of trade.

Y.M.C.A. REUNION

A reunion of the Y.M.C.A. members who spent part of their vacations at the summer camp this year was held in the association building last evening. Supper was served after which the following program was presented:

Solo, "They're on Their Way," B.A.R. chorus by campers; "He's Only a Soldier," Will You Wait, "Little Girl," "America, I Love You," "Arrah, O On," "Rocky Road to Dublin," "Quaker Maid," "Good Old Summer Time," "Sweet Cider Time," "Mandy Lee," "Perfect Day," solo from Camp Manomet, "Carolina," "Henry Ford," made by Dana Hart and entire body of campers, "Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You," Star Spangled Banner.

Money deposited in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank on or before Saturday, January 6th, will bear interest from that day.

SAYS HIGH PRICES DUE TO UNLAWFUL ACTS

EVIDENCE OF EXPLOITATION OF PUBLIC FOUND BY ANDERSON—PROFIT OF \$150 ON CARLOAD OF COAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—After a conference here yesterday of federal district attorneys from Maine to West Virginia, who are investigating the high cost of living, a statement was issued by George W. Anderson of Boston, in charge of the government's inquiry into food and fuel prices, declaring that "business men who hold or detain cars unnecessarily and unfairly are under just suspicion."

"If it be found," the statement said, "that such detention is a part of a combination to create scarcity, enhance prices and share the profits, we do not believe that juries will look with lenient eyes on such action."

Explaining that the attorneys had met to consider the best way of enforcing the law in the public interest, Mr. Anderson added: "We have spent a long day of hard work on this task. It is but a repeat to say that there is evidence that some of the peak high prices in various parts of the country—I do not now indicate where—are due to unlawful acts."

"Evidence has been discovered that there has been exploitation of the public and of dealers making \$150 a carload on coal when \$39 is a normal profit."

"The conference has approved of the methods already under way in New England of systematic co-operation with the railroads to ascertain who are responsible for the unnecessary detention of cars, either by abuse of reconsigners or producers, or by failure to

unload within a reasonable time after delivery at destination.

"The economic base of a large part of the present high prices is beyond the control of the department of justice and local authorities, housekeepers' associations and women's clubs have each their duty to perform."

"If direct attention to the work of fundamental prearrangement and construction done by the departments of agriculture and commerce in these times of high prices, when economy, efficiency and the substitution of cheaper foods for the more expensive are desirable for all except the more wealthy."

MUST STAMP EACH EGG

New York Judge Sustains the Order Denying With Products in Cold Storage

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A decision sustaining John J. Dillon, state commissioner of foods and markets, in his order directing dealers to stamp separately each cold storage egg, was handed down yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Elyon. The court made permanent, pending trial of the issues involved, a temporary injunction restraining several large dealers from selling unstamped eggs.

The court held that unless storage eggs are stamped when they are removed from the origin, they are liable to their identity becomes so lost that unless the individual egg is marked, all trace of its character is lost.

ALARM ABOUT GASOLINE

Standard Oil Expert Sees Only 135 Years More Production of the Crude Oil

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A note of alarm as to the gasoline supply of the country was sounded at the convention of the Society of Agricultural Engineers held here yesterday. Oscar E. Bransky of the Standard Oil company. The said production was not keeping pace with consumption and that exhaustion of the supply was drawing near. He estimated the remaining supply of crude oil, visible and invisible, at 2,229,000,000 barrels in all, would last 135 years longer at the 1916 rate of consumption of 55,000,000 barrels. Dr. Bransky said next year there will be 3,000,000 automobiles in operation in the United States or 15,000 more than this year. He estimated that eastern oilfields are 75 per cent exhausted, middle fields 50 per cent, and the California fields 35 per cent exhausted.

RUN OVER AND KILLED

Wheels Passed Over Body of Cornelius Crowley, Who Fell From His Wagon in Charlestown

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—While driving a wagon on the Prison Point bridge, Charlestown yesterday afternoon, Cornelius Crowley, aged 62, of 188 Main street, Charlestown, fell from his seat, and the wheels passed over his body.

He had complained of feeling ill to his foreman, Alvin H. Bicknell, of the Eastern Salt company.

Mr. Crowley was assisted into an automobile owned by Isaac Young of 65 Jordan street, Winthrop, and taken to the Relief hospital. He was

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examined by Dr. Fraser at the hospital and was pronounced dead. His body was removed to the Northern District morgue. His son is a member of engine 27, Charlestown.

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SUN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDERS' PAGE

BIG BUILDING BOOM FOR WEST CENTRALVILLE

West Centralville is due for another building boom again. Jacques Boisvert, the contractor of the district, who is responsible for the erection of a great number of buildings in that locality, comes to the front with a proposition to erect over two hundred dwellings. Mr. Boisvert has made plans for the erection of five dwellings for the present, at an aggregate cost of \$7,000, the new buildings to be constructed in Ferry lane and Hugh street in the vicinity of West Sixth street fire station.

The buildings, their descriptions and where they will be located are as follows: At 15 Hugh street, an eight-room house with bath, 25 feet square and 2 1/2 stories high; cost, \$1700. At

11 Hugh street, a six-room house with bath, 25 by 28 feet, 2 1/2 stories high; cost \$1200. At 15 Hugh street, a six-room house with bath and 18 by 27 feet, 1 1/2 stories high; cost, \$1200. At 15 and 35 Ferry lane, two houses of seven rooms each with bath, both and reception hall. The building at 31 will be 1 1/2 stories high, 21 by 25 feet, and will cost \$1200. The house at No. 35 will be 2 1/2 stories high, 21 by 25 feet, and will cost \$1600.

J. Alfred Leguin has started the erection of two double houses at 264-276 Princeton street. Both will be 2 1/2

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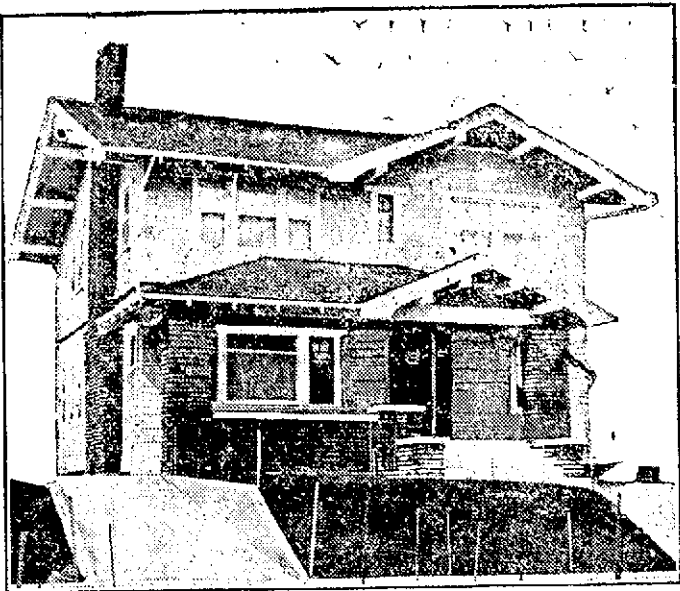
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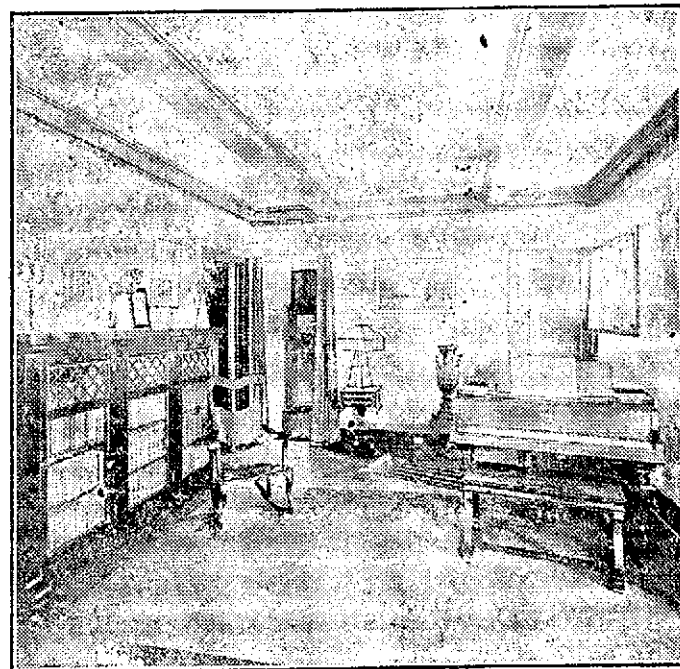
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stories high, 25 by 48 feet; each tenement will have five rooms with bath and the cost of the buildings will be \$3500 for each.

Samuel Scott has taken out a permit from the office of the inspector for buildings at city hall this week for interior alterations at 324-328 Middlesex street. An addition in the form of an ell, 7 feet by 21 feet, will be built to the property and accordingly 15 rooms will be added to the second and

third stories of the building. The first floor of the ell will contain stores.

REAL ESTATE DEALERS

Thos. H. Elliott
Thos. H. Elliott, offices 64 Central street, corner Prescott, reports the following sales negotiated during the past week ending Friday, Dec. 29th: Final papers have been passed in the transfer of the Oliver H. Perry

homestead, situated at 282 Nesmith street, in the Eastern section. The house is large and of a very substantial character. It has twelve rooms, is heated by hot water and lighted with electricity. There is an excellent stable and garage on the premises. The land involved in the transfer approximates 22,000 square feet and is most attractive grounds. The assessment is at the rate of 20 cents per foot and totals on land and buildings \$10,000. The sale is effected on behalf of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co., executor of the estate of the late Mr. Perry, the grantee being the Rev. Alfred H. Hovey, who purchases on behalf of the First Unitarian church for parsonage purposes.

Contracts have been closed on the purchase and sale of an attractive residential parcel situated near School street in the Highland section. The house is of the two and one-half story type with nine rooms and bath. The heat is by steam and the property modern to the slightest degree. The land amounts to 7500 square feet, the assessment being at the rate of 10 cents per foot and totalling \$5000. The land and buildings are sold by a local business man, the purchaser buying for a home.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

For the Week Ending Dec. 29

LEWIS
Mary A. Reynolds est. by admr. to John J. O'Connor, land and buildings on Central street.
Charles P. Whigham est. by Ethel F. Barrows, land on Putnam avenue.
William C. Gould est. by Geo. A. Le Clair est. by land on Highland ave.
Bowen, land and buildings on West St.
Alma Chapman to William M. Waterman, land.
H. Irvine Keyser est. by admr. to William J. Trudeau est. by admr. to William J. Trudeau, land and buildings corner Fourth avenue and Crawford st.
Annie Slattery est. by admr. to Ubaldo Alari est. by land and buildings on Arlington st.
Anna Zucker est. by admr. to William J. Higgins est. by land and buildings corner Sheldon and Gates sts.
James C. Donovan est. by admr. to Michael M. Queney, land and buildings on Kinsman st.
Michael M. Queney est. by admr. to James C. Donovan, land and buildings on Wedge st.
John Smith est. by admr. to E. Gaston Campbell, land and buildings on Fayette st.
James H. Sullivan est. by admr. to Robert Schlichting, land and buildings corner Market and Fenwick sts.
Nicholas Cazanias to Christos Kapanas, land and buildings on Perry and Concord sts.
Eugene C. Woodcock est. by admr. to Ann Jane Keefe, land and buildings on Troy st. and Putnam ave.
Marie E. Smith est. by admr. to Charles I. Williams, land on Hoyt ave.
Angelette Webster est. by admr. to William J. Lambert, land and buildings on Middlesex st.
Helen E. Duff est. by admr. to George P. Strangle, land and buildings on Walker st.
James E. Leary est. by admr. to Lor-

etta H. Comerford, land corner Marmouth road and passageway.
Harriet B. Remington to Luinda Tierney, land and buildings on Sayles st.
Ethan A. Smith et al to Thomas Costello, land.
Margaret Jose Avila et ux to Beasie E. Gates, land and buildings on Saratoga st.

BILLERICA
Edgar P. Seligman to William A. Johnson, land on Sylvan road.
John H. Foster et al to town of Billerica, land on Main road to Lowell.
Pauline M. M. M. Billerica to Thomas H. Foster, Jr. et ux, land and buildings on Rogers st.
Suburban Land Co., Inc., Boston, to Edgar D. Blum, land and buildings on Jones st.

Suburban Land Co., Inc., Boston to Margaret E. Hatch, land and buildings on Cottage st.
Suburban Land Co., Inc., Boston to Hans Schuster, land and buildings on Pond and Laurel sts.
James E. Parker, et al to Edward W. Sprague, land and buildings on Main st.
Edward M. Sprague est. by admr. to Ellen M. Gorkum, land and buildings on road from Boston to Lowell.
Suburban Land Co., Inc., Boston, to Robert N. Lovering, land and buildings corner Park and Chestnut sts.

CARLISLE
Mary Amanda Reynolds to Arthur T. Latham, land and buildings on road from Centre to Concord.

CHILLISSFORD
John P. McManomin to Margaret E. McManomin, land and buildings corner Middlesex st. and Highland ave.

DRACUT
Henry J. O'Dowd et ux to Harrie Bonin et ux, land and buildings on Bonney st.
Mary C. Leach to Annie Louise Mc-

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Manmon, land on Methuen st.
Edwin A. Simpson to Louis T. Beach, land on Lakeview ave.

TEWASSBURY
James E. Burke et ux to Abraham Boutin, land at Mechanics park.
John W. Burke, tr. to Leo Chillingworth, land on Minodale ave and Walter st.

WESTFORD
Beasie E. Bates et al to Manual Jose Avila, land and buildings corner Board and Westford and Littleton and Lowell roads.

WILMINGTON
Auron Adelman et ux to Joseph Minisky, land on Robin road.
Christopher Xee to Michael Xee, land and buildings on Burlington avenue and Harris st.

Charles L. Parker et ux to John E. R. Hayes, land and buildings.

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DECREASE AT BOSTON IN IMMIGRATION

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—In the report of the commissioner general of immigration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, copies of which have just been received, the following reference is made to immigration at the port of Boston:

"Contrary to the general impression the reduction in immigration due to the European war has not caused a corresponding decrease in the work, the record for the year showing a considerable increase in some branches of our business.

"Figures show a decrease in the number of arrivals at all ports in this district except Providence, which shows an increase of more than 50 per cent. Of the 19,221 alien immigrants applying for admission at New England ports during the year, 19,065 were admitted.

"Although 10,599 immigrants were held for boards of special inquiry after the first examination, only 275 were rejected. In addition, 1700 returning hostlers were examined at Boston.

"Inability of the government, owing to the war, to effect within three years from date of entry, the expulsion of immigrants subject to deportation, and lack of adequate appropriations for enforcing these provisions of law relative to the white slave trade, has prevented the expulsion of an indefinite number of women and girls who should be returned to the countries whence they came.

"A total of 521 women applied for admission, one of whom was rejected. Of this number 301 came from German steamers war-bound in Boston, many of whom found occupation ashore through this office. Escaped seamen to the number of 201 are recorded for this district.

"Of the 51 stowaways who arrived in this district, 29 were admitted and 21 deported. 23 stowaways admitted were German soldiers who escaped from military prisons in France. They

HAVERHILL ALDERMAN CHARGES 'FRAMEUP'

WOOD WONT ATTEND COUNCIL CONFERENCE—SAYS HUTCHINS SLATED FOR STREET DEPT.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 29.—Alderman Roswell L. Wood yesterday announced that he will not attend the conference of the new municipal council this evening, when the inauguration arrangements will be made.

"I am aware," the alderman says, "of what the three council members have been doing since, as they constitute a majority of the municipal council, they can carry their plans out. I will not attend any conference held solely to punish what has already been framed up."

"They have parcelled out the assessment for the members for next year and, as I understand it, Alderman Wood will take charge of the street department, of which I have had charge for six years, and Alderman-elect Root will succeed Alderman Hoyt as the commissioner of public safety.

"The present form of government was adopted in 1908 as its proponents claimed that it was a fairer, get management of municipal affairs, get the good government association was formed to obtain control next year and, even though that organization did not

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Chevalier Rebekah lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias, was held last night in Highland hall, Branch street, at which the rank of knight was worked on two candidates for Middlesex lodge and on four for Wamsut lodge.

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INCREASE IN MARINE INSURANCE RATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Marine insurance rates today showed another increase. Underwriters quoted 6 to 8 per cent for insuring cargoes bound for ports of the United Kingdom and 10 per cent to Mediterranean ports. A few days ago these rates stood at 5 to 6 per cent.

The advance was attributed to reports that the Liverpool and Holt Line, Voltaire, long overdue, had been captured by Germans and was preying on allied freighters in the North Atlantic and to the fact that several trans-Atlantic steamers are now overdue on both sides of the ocean.

Although the Voltaire, from Liverpool to New York is 14 days behind her schedule, representatives of the line here said they had not given up hope and should not do so until they heard definitely that their vessel had been lost. It was pointed out that several steamships are taking from 21 to 28 days to cross from British and French ports, and from Genoa and Marseilles they have been as long as 38 days out.

Maritime underwriters admit that they have sustained heavy losses, particularly during the summer of September, October and November last. They say, however, that no company has been seriously crippled because the risks usually have been well distributed.

STRIKERS IN PARADE

Wood-heel Workers March Haverhill

Streets and Afterward Add Thrity to Banks in Newburyport

HAVERHILL, Dec. 29.—The 250 wood-heel workers who went on strike yesterday morning paraded the streets yesterday afternoon, afterward going to Newburyport, where they got 30 employees of a wood-heel firm to join them.

The wood-heel workers in the 25 factories here, which formed a union, and the newly organized a scale of wages, which they submitted to the various concerns. They asked that turners be paid 15 a week, setovers \$20, graders \$18, and groovers, sawyers and choppers \$19. They also asked recognition of the union.

The union appointed a committee of six to meet a like committee from the manufacturers' association yesterday afternoon, but the manufacturers' committee did not appear.

Saturday, January 6th, is quarter day at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

JOHN BARLEYCORN LAID AT REST AT PHOENIX

500 GALLONS OF LIQUOR POURED INTO WATER WAGON — BUSINESS STREETS SPRINKLED

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 29.—Five hundred gallons of whiskey, wine and beer were poured into a city water wagon here yesterday and the street of the business district sprinkled with the liquor. Two hundred custardmen and several others formed a parade that followed the water wagon. A band played a dirge.

The liquor was confiscated in raids by the sheriffs under the new Arizona prohibition law and its disposition was ordered by Superior Judge Stanford.

Open an account at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. Interest begins Saturday, January 6th.

GEN. VON BISSING ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

GERMAN GENERAL OF BELGIUM RECEIVES SYMPATHETIC MESSAGE FROM KAISER

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Gen. Baron von Bissing, governor-general of Belgium, who is seriously ill with pneumonia at Brussels, says the Exchange Telegraph company's American correspondent has received a sympathetic message from Emperor William.

The probability of Gov. Gen. von Bissing's retirement because of ill health is being widely discussed in German circles in Brussels, the correspondent adds.

ALBERT C. ANDREWS

Well Known Grand Army Man, Born in This City, Died at His Home in Gloucester Yesterday

Albert C. Andrews, one of the most widely known Grand Army men in New England, died at his home in Gloucester, Mass., yesterday morning at the age of 72 years. He was born in this city in 1848 and on August 11, 1862 he was mustered into Co. H, of the 32d Massachusetts Infantry, for service in the war. He was promoted to sergeant and re-commissioned Jan. 2, 1863, and was discharged for disability October 20, 1864. At the close of the war Mr. Andrews went to Gloucester and engaged in business and retired about ten years ago.

WANTS ALL CATALOGUED FOR USE IN WAR TIME

Dr. George F. Kunz, the famous New York gem expert, geologist, etc., and retiring vice president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, told the asso-

ciation that the government should have all the gem catalogues for use in war time.

Arrangements are being made for a joint installation of officers of all the local councils of I. U. N. St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique, which will take place Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14, the place of the ceremony to be chosen later. The officers to be installed will be those of the following councils: Carillon, J. N. Jacques, Laval and St. Therese. The members of the committee on the joint installation are as follows: Chairman, J. F. Montminy; secretary, Henry Guerin; Narcisse Gadbois, Charles E. Barry, L. J. Cormier, Frederic Desrochers, Pierre A. Brousseau, Alfred A. Jemurray, Raphael Palardy, Henry G. Mills, Alfred Daignault, Louis Renaud, Miss Flore Doucet, Mrs. Clara Morier and Miss Lucina Carrol.

LA CONIA FIRE LOSS \$4000

Flames Spread from Restaurant of Adon Hill to Rooms of the Boston Tailoring Company

LA CONIA, N. H., Dec. 30.—A loss of \$4000 was caused by fire in the restaurant of Adon Hill, Bank square, early yesterday morning. The fire started in the restaurant and spread to the second floor to the rooms of the Boston Tailoring company. Lawrence Bald, owner of the building, placed his loss at \$2500. Mr. Hill's loss was \$1000 and the Boston Tailoring company lost \$500.

"FINANCIAL ABSURDITY"

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 29.—"It is a veritable financial absurdity," says the Tribune de Geneve commenting on the low price of the dollar in Switzerland, which is now worth five francs fourteen centimes, whereas the normal price is five francs eighteen centimes, while Swiss money is at a great premium in Paris, London and New York. In Paris, for example, a 100 franc Swiss note is worth 114 to 115 francs today. Americans living in Switzerland are losing by the exchange rates. The Tribune adds that the situation is extraordinary because, whereas America is full of gold and lending millions to the belligerent nations, Switzerland is surrounded by fighting nations and has contracted a debt, since the war, of over 700,000,000 francs, but its credit is increasing as the war progresses. The Swiss government intends shortly to raise another loan of 50,000,000 francs for mobilization and other purposes.

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CONG. ROGERS STIRRED BY LANING'S STATEMENT

Special to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—"It is not evolution, but revolution," said Congressman John Jacob Rogers to The Sun correspondent today, in reply to a question as to why he wrote that questioning letter to Secretary of State Lansing. "There was no other way of making the issue clear other than by asking direct questions. I do not want it assumed that my letter was one of criticism. It was designed to clear the importance of the pending issue. Mr. Lansing has stated that it may be necessary for the United States to modify the traditional policy enunciated by Washington and Jefferson, of avoiding entangling foreign alliances. I, of course, cannot presume to say that Mr. Lansing is right or is wrong. I think, however, that we can all, as patriotic citizens, consider what a revolutionary departure Mr. Lansing's suggestion entails. In this connection it is interesting to refer to the work by Mr. Lansing's father-in-law, former Secretary of State Foster, in 'A Century of American Diplomacy,' referring to an alliance with France made in 1778, less than three years after Lexington and Concord. Mr. Foster says: 'This treaty has importance and interest in that it was the first celebrated by the new nation; but it added the importance and interest that it was both the first and only treaty of alliance ever negotiated by this country. Its subsequent history and early abrogation or repudiation has made of it a dead letter, carrying against the necessity of carrying on a similar or abandoning the Monroe Doctrine. Either horn of the dilemma might easily be exceedingly uncomfortable.'

Mr. Foster, speaking of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, made with England in 1850 and designed to prevent construction of an inter-oceanic canal across the Central American isthmus, says:

"The treaty marks the most serious mistake in our diplomatic history and has the same instance since its announcement in 1823 of a tragic disavowal or disregard of the Monroe doctrine by the admission of Great Britain to an equal participation in the protection and control of a great American enterprise. The wisdom of that doctrine is most signally illustrated in the error of this single disavowal, at the heated discussions and the embarrassment which this treaty has brought to the government and from which it still suffers."

"It will be noted," added Mr. Rogers, "that Mr. Lansing's statement intimates that there is a prospect that we may embark upon a policy of alliances with European nations without the consent of even the senate. It is superfluous to point out the enormous power, perhaps exercised secretly, and certainly without any check or any kind, which this policy puts into the hands of the administration. I have no wish to criticize Mr. Lansing nor to embarrass his wholly admirable anxiety for peace, yet I think that a reference to our history as set forth in the pages of his father-in-law's book may well be suggestive and illuminating."

Parting of Ways
"In my judgment we are at the parting of the ways. Either we are to pursue the traditional policy of isolation, or we are to throw overboard the councils of Washington and Jefferson, the wisdom of which our history has many times abundantly proved. I do not say which course is right. The world has turned upside down and it may be that our policies must be greatly modified accordingly, but I do say that the determination is a vastly important one; that the people of the country should not drift almost unwittingly into it, but should face the future squarely and resolutely."

As a member of the house committee on foreign relations the attitude taken by Mr. Rogers has special significance and will carry much weight.

RICHARDS.

PEACE TERMS OF THE ENTENTE POWERS OUTLINED

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Spectator devotes the greater part of tomorrow's issue to answering President Wilson's question as to what are the peace terms of the entente allies. Briefly summarized the principal demands as outlined by the Spectator follow:

"The peace terms are to start from the status quo before the war, thus including the evacuation of the whole of northern France, Belgium and Luxembourg and all lands taken from Serbia, Rumania, Russia and Montenegro. Alsace-Lorraine is to be restored to France. The Danish portion of Schleswig-Holstein is to go to Denmark and Poland are to be added to the kingdom of Poland which the czar has pledged to create.

"The Slavs of Bosnia, Herzegovina,

Dalmatia, Croatia, etc., are to be created into a new kingdom.

"Bohemia to be an independent state.

"The Rumanian section of Transylvania to be added to Rumania.

"The whole Austrian Tyrol, plus Trieste, Istria and the other portions of Austria which are Italian in blood or feeling, to be added to Italy.

"Turkey to yield Constantinople and the straits to Russia.

"The Armenians to be put under the Russian tutelage.

"The Arabs to be freed, while Syria, Asia Minor and Mesopotamia are to be under external protection guaranteeing tranquility.

"The German colonies are to remain in the hands of the entente powers, money indemnity for the ruin Germany

has done in Belgium, France, Serbia, Montenegro, etc.

"Regarding shipping, Germany to make reparation in kind for all ships of commerce destroyed, ton for ton, neutral shipping to be replaced only after all the demands of the allies have been satisfied.

"The German navy to be handed over and distributed among the entente nations.

"As a guarantee against future war the allies are to insist upon the demilitarization of the German government.

"The Kiel canal to be neutralized under an international non-German commission including the entente countries, the United States and other neutrals.

PAPER MAKERS DECLINE TO DISCUSS FIGURES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Newsprint manufacturers at a hearing called today by the federal trade commission, declined to discuss figures presented by the commission's investigators bearing on costs and profits of paper manufacture, but consented to continue consideration of a distribution plan they proposed to the commission two weeks ago. The manufacturers declared they had not had time to study the cost figures.

A hearing held two weeks ago at which the same statistics were presented was suspended when the manufacturers put forward the plan for distribution. Today's was the final hearing before the commission makes its report to congress on the newsprint situation.

Members of the trade commission appeared astonished when the manufacturers declined to testify and declared the original hearing was called at the request of the manufacturers themselves. The postponement, they said, not only was for time to study the distribution plan, but to give the manufacturers an opportunity to go over

the commission's figures. Representatives of the manufacturers replied that the commission itself had stated it would make an early report to congress and that the manufacturers did not wish to block the report by asking for time to study the statistics.

Commissioner Davies hinted early in the day that if the trade commission failed to find relief for the publishers some other governmental agency probably could offer the aid asked. Publishers believed he referred to the department of justice.

The unwillingness of the manufacturers to testify drew sharp criticism from publishers. Frank P. Glass, chairman of the paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, told the commission the manufacturers all along had declined to help solve the situation and that their distribution plan was far from a concession, that it would not inconvenience paper-makers but the country's largest publishers, who would have to relinquish paper to fill the needs of the small publishers.

PROBLEMS TO ARISE AFTER THE WAR DISCUSSED

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 29.—Four national sociological and economic societies were today holding the final sessions of their annual convention at the Ohio State university, where problems likely to arise in this country following the war in Europe and labor problems were being discussed by men of national reputation. "We shall have capital after the war but shall not have labor enough to employ it," said George E. Roberts of the National City bank of New York, speaking before the American Economic association.

The organizations in session here are the American Economic association, the American Sociological society, the American Statistical association and the American Association for Labor Legislation.

"The labor of Europe and the capital of America will have to be brought together. Conditions seem to favor the transfer of capital in the form of gold, to Europe rather than the removal of the population from Europe to America," Mr. Roberts added. He then criticized the new federal reserve act.

"In their anxiety to decentralize the banking business the authors of this act neglected to centralize the gold reserves, which is the most important requisite of a reserve system," said Mr. Roberts. "The result is that while the country's stock of gold has increased from Jan. 1 to Nov. 1, by approximately \$100,000,000, the federal reserve bank of New York upon which the demand for gold export must inevitably fall, has gained less than \$50,000,000 and all the federal reserve banks together have gained less than \$125,000,000."

R. R. CONDUCTOR ADMITS FAILURE TO DO DUTY

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 29.—Admissions that he failed twice to perform his duty were made by Conductor Albert G. Wentworth at a hearing to place the responsibility for the head-on collision in which four trainmen were killed between Gilead and West Bend on the Grand Trunk railway on Christmas eve, which was begun today by the public utilities commission.

Wentworth, who was conductor of the east bound train, admitted that it was his duty to have delivered to his engineer in person the order to pass the west bound train by use of the air brake when it ran through Gilead without meeting the other train, but he did not do so.

His brakeman, Alonzo L. Bailey was not sure the west bound train was on the siding at Gilead and while they were discussing this and Conductor Wentworth had his hand on the air valve, the fatal crash occurred.

W. L. Chase, engineer of Wentworth's train who is in a hospital at Berlin, N. H., will be questioned later. The other engineer, both firemen and a brakeman were killed.

CANNOT BLOW UP SHIP IN CANAL

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—The Cape Cod canal management was restrained in an order issued by the federal court here today from blowing up the steamship Bay Port which sank at the western entrance December 15, blocking the canal passage. The White Oak Transportation company, owners of the vessel, contended that the accident which caused the sinking was due to negligence by the canal management, the steamer having hit an obstruction, set forth that plans had been made to destroy the Bay Port, to which the owners objected. A hearing was arranged for January 2 when the question of a temporary injunction to replace the order of restraint will be argued.

EASE UP ON POMEROY

Executive Council Committee in Favor of Granting Famous Life-Termier Additional Privileges
BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Jesse Pomroy, probably the most notorious life-termier in history, will get some of the privileges he has been seeking for many years if a tentative report prepared by Councilor Richard F. Andrews, chairman of the special committee of the executive council, applied to investigate the subject, is signed and accepted by the council next week.

Unanimously the committee decided that no pardon can be granted Pomroy or even considered, but if the other two members of the committee, Councilors Henry C. Malligan and Timothy J. Buckley, agree to Mr. Andrews' plan and if the council passes it without amendment he will enjoy some of the simpler of prison pleasures that other life-termiers now have.

Pomroy will get a window through which he can see the outside world, a chance to exercise and play in the yard like other life-termiers, and all the papers and books that other inmates see. He will also be allowed to attend church services and prison entertainments, and mix with his fellows, unless they object.

At the present time Jesse has no contact whatever with other prisoners and cannot even see the outer world through his window. His door is covered so he cannot see persons who pass. By recent changes he can attend Sunday services and entertainments so long as he keeps away from the cell. He is kept apart from everyone else and he gets an hour daily to walk up and down a stretch of 50 feet.

VILLA CAPTURES CAPITAL OF COAHUILA

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Forces operating under the banner of Villa have occupied Saltillo, the capital of Coahuila, it was announced here today by Villa partisans.

The report was denied by Carranza officials.

WANTS FIDELITY FOR DOG
A suit for \$100 for the loss of a Boston terrier dog was filed before Judge Pickman in the local police court this afternoon. Aurelia Hammond, the plaintiff, claims that while his pet dog was following him to a drug store in Middlesex street on July 19 it was run over and killed by a wagon owned by Charles E. Walsh.

SEEK DOCTOR IN DEATH CASE
PROVIDENCE, Dec. 29.—Miss Alice Reed, aged 25, who died of pneumonia, presented at the Rhode Island hospital early yesterday, was given the fatal dose by a physician, the police say. They are now seeking the doctor.

LOTS OF CALENDARS
Although the Christmas rush at the Lowell postoffice has passed, the number of New Year's cards and calendars that are being mailed to the office daily is keeping the clerks and carriers busy. Postal cards are being delivered and sent out by the hundreds and carriers especially in the downtown districts are burdened with calendars. Except for a decrease in the parcel post business, the employees would have little relief from the Christmas rush.

THREE DROWNED NEXT STEP UP TO 400,000 R. R. EMPLOYES

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Russian steamship Kursk, while bound from Archangel, Russia, for New York, with 126 passengers aboard, was hit by a mine on Nov. 29, off Kirkwall, Scotland. One passenger and two members of the crew were drowned while lifeboats were being launched.

The Kursk hit the mine about 11 o'clock at night and it was 6 a. m. the next day before the English patrol boats found the steamship's drifting lifeboats.

The Kursk, a vessel of 7,850 tons, crossed regularly between New York and Archangel up until about three months ago, when, with other Russian passenger ships voyaging between the two ports she was withdrawn.

The Kursk left Archangel on Nov. 15.

Part of the Kursk's stern was torn off by the explosion and she was towed into Kirkwall by British patrol boats. Her passengers and crew, however, drifted all night in open boats before being picked up.

News of the accident was brought here today by the rescued passengers who arrived on board the steamship Lapland from Liverpool.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The 400,000 railroad employees affiliated with the four trainmen's brotherhoods will decide the next step which will be taken by their authorizing committee, which has been handling their side of the controversy over the operation of the Adamson act, it was announced here today by the brotherhood chiefs.

The brotherhood leaders, after an unannounced conference here this afternoon, gave out a statement indicating their fear that the pending litigation, together with possible future legal steps on the part of the railroads would delay indefinitely the investigation by President Wilson's special committee headed by George W. Catechism.

The statement of the brotherhood chiefs concluded:

"The entire situation is to be placed before the members by special circular."

BRINGS DOWN HIS 16TH ENEMY AEROPLANE

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Flight Lieutenant Harteaux brought down on the 27th of December his 16th enemy aeroplane. The war office announced today. "This occurred over Manguet wood, to the southeast of Misy. It has been confirmed also that on Dec. 27 French air pilots brought down four other enemy machines. One of these airplanes fell before the attack of Lieutenant Lortie, this making his sixth air victory, and another fell by Private Martin, who up to the present time, has been responsible for the destruction of five German airplanes.

TARIFF COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Appointment of the members of the tariff commission will be made by President Wilson as soon as word is received from Prof. Frank W. Taussig of Harvard whether he will accept one of the places.

CONFESSED TO KILLING 5 MEMBERS OF FAMILY

MINDEN, Ia., Dec. 29.—Two negroes held as suspects in connection with the killing of five members of the family of John Nelson Reeves, nine miles north of here, on Christmas eve, have confessed the police say, implicating Henry Waller, a farmhand and neighbor of Reeves, and John Long, 20 years old. Long declares Waller instigated the crime and with an axe killed Reeves, his wife and three children.

Robbery and an old feud between Waller and Reeves were given as the motives. The negroes claim they were forced to aid in the killings.

WILSON TO VETO BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Wilson told advisers that he would veto the \$28,000,000 Public Buildings bill, if it comes to him in the form in which it is now pending in the house. It advocates plans to work to obtain a rule for consideration of the measure by the house soon after the Christmas recess.

The president has reached no decision on the Rivers and Harbors bill held before him recently by Chairman Spearman of the House Rivers and Harbors committee.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED, MISS FRIES AND SON OF LATE E. H. HARRIMAN

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MISS GLADYS C. FRIES

HELD FOR USING THE MAILS TO DEFRAUD

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Frank A. Palmer, treasurer of the Golden Star Mining Co., was held for the federal grand jury on a charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud. For a preliminary hearing today he was remanded to jail. The stock of the company had been quoted on the local curb exchange at \$1.42 a share, and later dropped to 12 cents. Purchasers of the stock were complainants.

GAVE \$500,000 TO N. Y. KINDERGARTEN ASSO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The late John D. Archbold, who was president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, gave \$500,000 to the New York Kindergarten association during his lifetime. It developed today. The association announced the adoption of resolutions expressing appreciation for the generosity which included the presentation of the organization's building in West 42nd street.

B.&M. ENGINE HOUSE AT NEWPORT, VT. BURNED

NEWPORT, Vt., Dec. 29.—The engine house of the Boston & Maine railroad here was destroyed by fire today and four locomotives badly damaged. The loss was estimated at upward of \$20,000.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

FOR INVESTIGATION OF COLLEGE ATHLETICS

BOSTON LAWYER SUES GEN. F. S. STREETER

W. H. SMART ASKS \$25,000 DAMAGES FOR ALLEGED SLANDER—AFTERMATH OF DIVORCE CASE
BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Attorney Wilfred H. Smart of this city has brought suit in the Suffolk superior court against Gen. Frank S. Streeter of Concord, N. H., for \$25,000 damages, alleging that he has been injured to his extent by "the libel and slander of Gen. Streeter."

Gen. Streeter is chief counsel for Mrs. Carpenter in the divorce process, which began in the divorce court in Boston. Mr. Smart is one of the counsel for Mr. Carpenter in the divorce case, and the present suit is one of the results of that contest.

The writ in the libel was served on Gen. Streeter Wednesday night at the Union club in this city. The writ is returnable the first Monday in February.

The suit grows out of a letter alleged to have been written by Gen. Streeter to Judge Kivel of New Hampshire, who presided at the divorce trial, in which it is charged that Streeter made "slandering and libelous statements about Mr. Smart. This letter was given to Judge Kivel in connection with a motion filed by Gen. Streeter and is dated Nov. 16 of this year."

WORST BLIZZARD IN YEARS

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The Overland limited of the Chicago & North-western railroad reached the terminal here two days late today. The train was due last Wednesday. Yesterday's Overland is expected tonight and the one due today may arrive tomorrow morning. A blizzard in Wyoming, the worst in years in its effect on railroad traffic, accounted for the delay.

PRICE OF BEER GOES UP
WORCESTER, Dec. 29.—Worcester brewery managers announced yesterday that, as a result of a meeting of the State Association Wednesday, they are to increase the wholesale price of beer on Thursday, Jan. 2.

Retail dealers report that they will make up the increased cost by raising the price of the glasses served to customers.

IN BOSTON
The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

Today's Fashion Hint



Twenty Five From Fire in House in Lynn—Overheated Furnace Causes \$500 Loss
LYNN, Dec. 29.—Fire starting in the basement of the three-story building, 21 North Street, drove about 20 lodgers from the street at 8:30 last night. The fire, believed to have been caused by an overheated furnace, resulted in a loss of \$500. The building is owned by the Hurley estate.

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terested in the estate of Eliza A. Dwyer,
deceased, in said County, deceased, Intestate.
Whereas a petition has been pre-
sented to said Court to grant a letter
of administration on the estate of said
deceased to Philip Dwyer, of Lowell, in
the County of Middlesex, without giving
a surety on his bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
first day of January, A. D. 1917, at
nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show
cause if any you have, why the same
should not be granted.
And the petitioner is hereby directed
to give public notice thereof, by pub-
lishing this citation once in each week
for three successive weeks in the
Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in
Lowell, the last publication to be on
the day of January 1st, 1917.
Witness my hand and the seal of said
Court, this 29th day of December, 1916.
First Judge of said Court, in the
year one thousand nine hundred and
sixteen.
P. M. ESTY, Register.

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SUN'S SATURDAY LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

Special to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—After stirring up a hornet's nest which agitated the capital from one end to the other, Congressman A. P. Gardner took a train for his Massachusetts home. The Gardner bolt on the candidacy of James R. Mann—who is the logical candidate—for the speakership of the next house, will be far-reaching, whether or not the Massachusetts man finds a large following in his defection from party rules. The house will be practically a tie between the two great parties and neither can afford to lose even one vote if they hope to succeed along party lines. More than that, it is possible Mr. Gardner may have a few followers when voting time comes, but he has often broken party lines in the past. He would stay in line rather than attempt to lead. And Mr. Gardner is nothing if not a vigorous leader whenever he bolts and jumps the party reservation. He has seldom succeeded in bringing about a change in party rules, but he has broken party lines to such an extent that party success has been made impossible. Anyway Mr. Gardner's revolt, because Mr. Mann upheld the president's peace note, has made a lot of commotion that must be smoothed out if a republican speaker is to have even the ghost of a chance of election in the 65th congress. There is a rumor to the effect that Mr. Gardner's bolt had the sanction of Col. Roosevelt, but that must be taken merely as a rumor, at this moment.

Few and Far Between

Congressional people have been as far this week as white blackbirds, for practically everyone went home for holiday recess and will not return until congress reconvenes on Tuesday next. Then the wheels will begin to turn rapidly and it is intimated that the democrats will oil their steam roller ready for emergency use but that they are quite likely to pull together and succeed by milder methods. Whether the republican breach caused by the Gardner defection will widen or be healed by the time the session ends in March is problematical. Mr. Mann's friends claim it will blow over; Mr. Gardner's friends seem to think they have the bull by the horns and will secure a progressive republican speaker or none at all. Over in the senate the republican leaders are not overjoyed at the prospect of Gov. Johnson of California joining their progressive ranks and there is but little doubt but what the newly elected California senator will be here at March 4th ready to take his oath and take part in the session of the senate which immediately follows an inauguration for the specific purpose of confirming cabinet officers, members of the diplomatic corps and others whose appointments were made necessary by the incoming of a president for a new term.

There is a rumor going the rounds, and which apparently started in dem-

ocratic circles, to the effect that the present congress will repeal the eight hour law, which bridged over the threatened strike last September. That would allow the contending parties to get together on a compromise agreement without bringing into the house a possible decision from the supreme court that the action of congress was unconstitutional.

Very Hard Task

There has been a good deal of comment and praise accorded the suggestions recently made by Senator Weeks regarding the steps that are necessary to bring the republican party back to success in 1920. Mr. Weeks summed up the situation by criticising the lack of team work on the national committee and in congress. He also advocated that the chairman of the national committee constitute the national committee and select the national chairman instead of leaving the choice of national chairman in the hands of the presidential candidate. Mr. Weeks pointed out that a lack of team work in the national committee and in congress which the party has encountered this year is one of the chief difficulties to be met and that without team work the party cannot succeed. In commenting on the Weeks suggestion the Washington Post this week said in a leading editorial: "Senator Weeks has made a suggestion which should commend itself to all those who desire the success of the republican party. If the organization leadership were developed according to the plan suggested by Mr. Weeks it might again be galvanized into a formidable political force. The present situation in the house, where the regulars want Mr. Mann—who is the logical candidate—and the insurgents want Mr. Lenoir, is an apt illustration of the uselessness of hoping for success without team work according to the views of the men here who are in sympathy with the views expressed by Senator Weeks."

In Holiday Attire

Washington came pretty close to having a white Christmas, for there were scattered patches of snow left in shady places, following the storm of the week before which covered the ground with a couple of inches. For a week past the whole city has been a mass of brilliant scarlet bloom, for we are in the midst of the holly region and the sidewalks are banked with Christmas trees, holly, mistletoe and poinsettias in a way unknown to the north. Shop windows seem one splendid red bloom, and the big markets show everything etablishe garished to the limit with wreaths and ropes of tinsel, evergreen and bright berries. Down around the great markets—for out here "going to market" is quite the proper thing for folks both rich and poor—the scene is not exactly described at holiday time, for what with things to eat, things to

BRITISH WARSHIP SAVED STEAMER

Had Been Fired On and Stopped by German Submarine

Men Were Getting Into Lifeboat When Destroyer Appeared

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The British freight steamer Chicago City from Bristol, Eng., Dec. 11, was fired on and stopped by a German submarine Dec. 14 when about 110 miles off Fastnet, according to a report of the crew on her arrival here today.

The Chicago City was saved from being sunk by the timely appearance of a British destroyer, attracted by the firing. Two shots were fired by the submarine, the men said, the first passing over the ship and the other just missing her bow. Captain Crinks stopped the vessel and with the submarine about a half mile away boats were lowered and the men were already getting into them when the destroyer bore into sight.

The submarine is described as being of a new type, more than 200 feet long and painted dead black. Two guns were mounted on her deck. It was evident she was maneuvering into a position from which to discharge a torpedo when the destroyer was seen, the crew said, and she immediately abandoned her work, veered about and soon sank from sight.

The crew of the Chicago City went back on board their vessel, signalled the destroyer they were all right and received orders to proceed immediately on their course. The last seen of the destroyer was circling about the place where the submarine disappeared.

Acting under recent orders of the British admiralty officers of the ship were directed to discuss the incident.

The Chicago City had a small cargo,

war, things to blow, things to whistle, to foot and even drums to beat all trimmed with glittering tinsel and scarlet blossoms the capital has taken on the semblance of some unknown country but a country in which the colored population predominates. There are more than one hundred thousand negroes in Washington and apparently not one of them has the slightest intention of hiding his light under a bushel during the holidays. Although the temperature hovered close to 50° small fires crackled at every street corner and in the market place. The crowd around them were scores of little children warming their bare toes and tooting lustily on penny horns, for to the average small black boy Christmas is simply Fourth of July on a bigger scale and with more noise. And there is not an old work horse or mule in the city that isn't wearing a sprig of green and a bit of red in his bridle while his dark driver is likewise doped up to fit the occasion. Street cars are perambulating poultry yards for frugal neighbors, both men and women, carry home live fowl dangling by the heels— if fowl have heels—and the struggling, squawking ducks, chickens and turkeys are close neighbors to the strap-hangers on crowded holiday cars.

Monkeys Climbing

Not long ago the public health service needed about a dozen monkeys on which to make toxic experiments, and found that the price of monkeys like that of food stuffs, leather and shoes had climbed skyward. Even at auctioning prices monkeys are no longer plentiful. Last year the price was \$5 each. This year it is \$15 each and only six were obtainable. Officials attribute the scarcity to the European war which has closed the great wild animal markets of Germany, which have heretofore been the principal source of supply.

Elaborate Banquet

A banquet to make the transatlantic ceremony and parade this year even more elaborate than usual, in addition to the customary parade of military, naval and civic organizations, a historic pageant is to be made a part of the entertainment. It is expected the cost will be \$100,000 for the parade and of that sum one quarter is already raised. The pageant is to represent the country's advancement and history.

Reconvene Tuesday

Congress will reconvene on Tuesday next after a ten day recess. In the first three weeks of the session, before the holidays, five government supply bills were passed by the house and one by the senate which is an unusually good record for the latter-strengthened.

Richards

Report that Christmas money in the Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, Saturday, January 6, is quarter day.

ALWAY PROMOTED TO ACTIVE FIRE FORCE

District Chief Charles E. Alway, of 16 West Bowers street, who has been a member of the fire department since 1888, was yesterday promoted to the active force by Commissioner Newell E. Putnam. In one sense of the word this is really a new position and the increase in compensation will be over \$1000. He reported for duty this morning and for the present will cover the territory assigned to Engine 2 in Branch street and will also reside at that house.

Mr. Alway was appointed a substitute callman in 1938, and made a permanent callman the following year. In 1908 he was appointed



CHARLES E. ALWAY, District Chief.

assistant engineer but when the new charter was put in vogue he was made a district chief, but responded only to certain alarms. His salary as call district chief was but \$450 per year but the new position entitles him to \$1500.

District Chief Alway is one of the best fire fighters in the department and his promotion is one that has been expected for a long time. At the present time District Chiefs James C. Sullivan and Daniel H. Crowley each cover one-half of the city in cases of bell alarms, but in the near future it is expected that the recently appointed district chief will be provided with an automobile and the city will be divided into three sections, each district chief having certain bell alarms to respond to on the first call. In the case of a second or general alarm all of the assistant chiefs respond.

SHIPPING TRADE AFTER EUROPEAN WAR

DIRECTOR OF THE HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE GIVES HIS VIEWS

BERLIN, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 30.—Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American steamship line, holds a view quite contrary to current opinion that the shipping trade will have a great and long continued boom after the end of the war. When the world's commercial feet resume normal activity, Herr Ballin says, much more tonnage will be ordered after a few months than will be demanded.

The reason assigned for this view is that ocean trade will suffer to a high degree from a shortage of goods for export, from high prices of raw materials and food supplies, and from unfavorable rates of foreign exchange.

"The question of cargo room appears to be much less important than how far it will be necessary to impose restrictions on imports in the transition period, in consideration of the exchange rate situation," said Herr Ballin.

While it is his opinion that restriction may prove to be necessary in order to give preference to goods of low cost, he thinks it will be of great importance to Germany and Austria-Hungary to have the shipping companies resume unrestricted trade as soon as possible.

SOMME BATTLE VICTORY FOR ALLIES, SAYS HAIG

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for allied arms in a detailed report by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig which was issued last night, and which covers operations from July 1 to November 18. Gen. Haig terms the battle a triumph in which the German western army was saved from complete collapse and a decisive defeat only by a protracted period of unfavorable weather which prevented the Anglo-French forces from taking full advantage of their successful advance.

He declares that, nevertheless, it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the allies to overthrow Germany when the time comes. The British commander shows himself a firm believer in the doctrine that the allies can win the war on the western front.

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FIND DR. ADAMS KILLED HERSELF

Judge Palmer Files Report of Inquest Finding

Dr. Atwood Freed of Blame for Death of Woman Osteopath

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Dr. Elbridge D. Atwood, an osteopath, awaiting trial for the murder of Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, another osteopath, physician, at the Hotel Westminster, July 18, last, has been absolved of blame in connection with the death of Dr. Vella Palmer Adams, a practicing osteopath, in her office at Coolidge Corner, Brookline, on the same day.

Judge Palmer in the Roxbury court, who conducted the inquest in connection with the young woman's death, reported to the clerk of the superior criminal court yesterday, that Dr. Adams died from mercurial poisoning prior to the shooting of Dr. Harris, and that the poison was self administered with suicidal intent. The report stated that Judge Palmer absolves Dr. Atwood from anyone from blame in connection with the death of Dr. Adams.

Dr. Atwood is confined in the Charles street jail awaiting trial for the murder of his fellow osteopath, and until Judge Palmer's findings were made public it was undecided whether Dr. Atwood was responsible for Dr. Adams' death.

The report of Judge Palmer reawakens public interest in the tragedy of last summer, when Dr. Atwood, who had been a classmate of Dr. Adams at the Osteopathic College, became incensed at revelations supposed to have been made to him by the young woman, and shot her down at Dr. Harris in his suite at the Hotel Westminster.

According to the police version of the "osteopathic tragedy," Dr. Atwood, who was 23 years old, had become enamored of Dr. Adams, who was four years his senior. His love was returned, apparently, but when he asked Dr. Adams to marry him she refused on the grounds of parental objection and also contended to Dr. Atwood that Dr. Harris had also advised against the marriage "for the good of the profession." She also intimated to Atwood, according to his own story to the police, that Dr. Harris had been a lover and that that was one of her chief reasons for refusing to marry Dr. Atwood.

Woman Found Dying

On the night before the death of Dr. Adams and the shooting of Dr. Harris, the woman and Dr. Atwood were together until a late hour and the latter accompanied her as far as her office on Beacon street, just beyond Coolidge Corner.

The next morning Dr. Adams' father and brother, alarmed because she had not returned home, although she occasionally slept at the office, found her dead and found her in a dazed condition. A physician was summoned and the young woman was hurried to the Commonwealth hospital. That was early in the forenoon and before she passed away, shortly after noon, Dr. Atwood called at the institution, and after obtaining permission from the parents of the dying woman, visited her.

Shot Down Dr. Harris

Within an hour of her death in the hospital Dr. Atwood called at Dr. Harris' apartment called for Dr. Harris and upon the latter's refusal to go to greet him, the latter opened fire and shot him down.

The wounded man was hurried to the City hospital and his assistant coolly walked out of the hotel. To the police he said he walked down town, visited a motion picture house, and then went out to Dr. Adams' office, and it was there he was arrested by Capt. Grace and officers of Division 10, Back Bay, who, according to Dr. Atwood calling at the office of his former sweetheart, lay in wait for him and arrested him upon his arrival. When he was placed under arrest, the man awaiting trial for murder was in possession of a revolver.

Dr. Harris died but a few days. Dr. Atwood admitted his guilt to the police.

THE VIOLA CAMPERS

The annual social and dancing party of the Viola Campers was held last night in Associate hall and the event proved to be one of the most successful ever held by this organization, which is made up of young men who have a cottage on the shore of the Concord river. Music for dancing was furnished by the Minor-Doyle orchestra. The success of the party was due to the zealous and efficient work of the following officers: General manager, Albert Dunham, assistant general manager, Stephen Callahan, door director, George Manning, assistant door director, Leo Maguire, clerk, and William Donovan, treasurer, David Coleman.

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These figures include shoes made by Brockton manufacturers who have out-of-town shops, which are sent to Brockton and reshipped from this station.

HUB POLICEMAN FIGHTS DRUG VICTIMS

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—A patrolman disguised as a young drug clerk (three o'clock) about 10:15 last night when he arrested an alleged peddler of narcotics known as the "Providence Kid" just as a dozen drug victims were about to purchase morphine.

The arrest in Bowditch street was most spectacular and almost started a riot as the disguised officer pulled the pedler in the midst of the latter's customers. The drug victims, rushing from every direction to purchase a supply of morphine, turned on the young policeman and for the first time in the history of the city a drug pedler has been arrested in a house on Columbus avenue near Dartmouth st.

The woman was sent to the Tombs and to be arrested till later, by Bradley and Chapman appeared before Judge Sullivan in municipal court yesterday afternoon. Chapman pleaded not guilty to having drugs in his possession and was held in \$100 for Tuesday. Bradley pleaded guilty to being present where drugs were seized and was held in \$500 for the same date.

A RECORD NUMBER OF ECLIPSES IN 1917

SEVEN ECLIPSES, GREATEST NUMBER POSSIBLE, WILL OCCUR NEXT YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Four eclipses of the sun and three of the moon, the greatest number possible in a single year, will occur in 1917, according to a memorandum issued today by the naval observatory. The last year in which seven eclipses came was early in the last century and the next will be 1935.

On Jan. 8 there will be a total eclipse of the moon by the earth's shadow visible throughout the United States beginning at 12:50 a. m., and ending at 1:25 a. m., eastern standard time. Between 2 and 2:25 a. m. eastern time, the eclipse will be total.

NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Lowell Fish and Game association will be on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7:15 p. m., Odd Fellows Temple.

WILLIS S. HOLT, Secretary.

EAGLES, NOTICE!

All members of Lowell aeris are requested to be present at the home of our late brother, Thomas J. Scanlan, 31 Pearl street, tomorrow (Sunday) evening at 8 p. m. where the exercises of our order will be held.

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JOHN M. HOGAN, Secretary.

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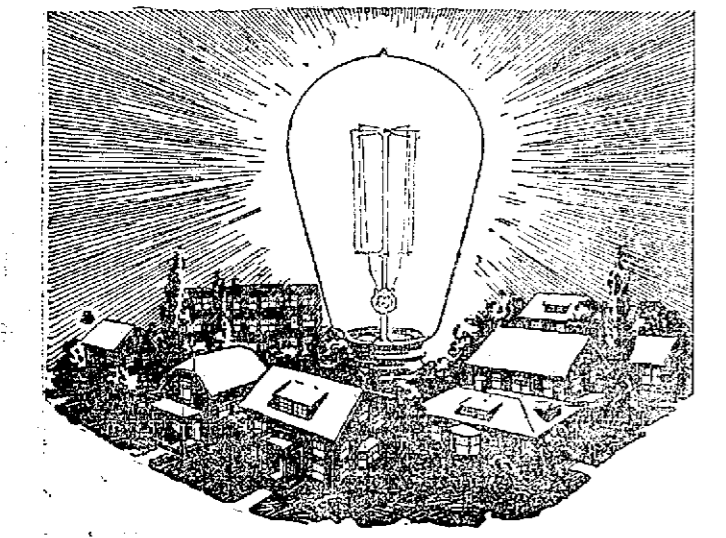
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MORE ELEVENTH HOUR SALARY GRABBING AT CITY HALL

The increasing of salaries at city hall goes merrily on. Commissioner William W. Dunfee has again played the role of Santa Claus and has raised the salary of Joseph Farrell, assistant treasurer, from \$1500 to \$2000; Charles C. Wilson of the treasurer's office from \$1600 to \$1800 and James C. Dunfee of the auditor's office from \$1100 to \$1450. These three increases were made this morning to go into effect the first of the year, and they push the total increase well over \$20,000.

In the case of James C. Dunfee, this is the second raise for the new year. In the first list made out by Commissioner Dunfee of the auditor's office from

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NO IMMEDIATE STRIKE ON RAILROADS

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.—Warren S. Stone, and W. G. Lee, heads of the railway engineers and railway trainmen's brotherhoods, respectively, arrived in Cleveland today following the rejection of the demand by the managers' committee that the Adamson law be placed in effect January 1. Mr. Stone declared the report that a circular letter had been sent to railway employees asking for a renewal of authority to call a general strike was untrue. "No circular has yet been prepared," he said.

"There will be no immediate strike," he added.

DESTROYER COMPLETES TRIALS

BATH, Me., Dec. 30.—The torpedo boat destroyer Allen today successfully completed her builders' acceptance trials and returned to her dock at the Bath Iron Works. Officials of the board stated that all the tests had been unusually successful.

The final trial was a four hour run, with the finish off the mouth of the Kennebec river, on which an average of 20.29 knots was maintained. The contract requirement was 20 knots. It was stated that the destroyer was not pushed in order to make this speed. She will be delivered to the navy department the last of January.

MASS. NOTICE

A month's leave notice for Mrs. Mary Reagan will be celebrated at St. Patrick's church Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock.

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LAWSON TELLS CONG. WOOD TO HAVE A HEART

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—In response to a telegram from Congressman Robert L. Henry of Texas, urging that he go to Washington immediately and produce any facts he may have bearing on a "leak" from the state department, to Wall street in connection with President Wilson's recent peace note, Thomas W. Lawson today replied by wire that would call on the congressman Monday.

"You have libeled congressmen and public officials and I predict you cannot make good," Congressman Henry stated in the telegram which Mr. Lawson made public here today. "It was explained that Mr. Henry made a request in his capacity as a member of the house rules committee of which he is chairman.

"The good old capital has been wallowing in Wall street leak grafts for 40 years," the Lawson reply said.

"And Congressman Wood started this leak money no longer then you sort of run me into it through your press statements and then made me the whole of it. Now I say, congressman, have a heart, have a heart.

"This is my program. Tomorrow I will give you a serious three thousand word hit, then, if you wish, I will visit you New Year's day, then on Tuesday from the gallery I will listen to you and the other statesmen who missed out on the leak, lambast me some more."

TO GIVE U.S. NAVY WORK THE PREFERENCE

DRABIC PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE BY SEC. DANIELS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A drastic proposal designed to furnish authority under which private manufacturers or shipbuilders would be compelled to give preference to navy work, has been submitted by Secretary Daniels to the house naval committee for inclusion in the 1917 naval appropriation bill, consideration of which will be resumed next week. It provides that where contracts or orders have been placed "for ships or munitions or material entering into the construction of ships or the making of munitions," the secretary in his discretion may require the fulfillment of the work ahead of any undertaking for private enterprise.

WAS GIVEN A WARM RECEPTION

A foreigner about 45 years of age and a little girl traveled on the way from Fayette street to the police station shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. The man wore a light overcoat, but was minus his hat. He held the little girl by one hand and was crying aloud. At the station he informed Deputy Downey that while he was in a house in Fayette street he was assaulted by a woman and two men. His left eye was badly swollen, while he had a big lump on the side of his head. He said the weapons used were "broomsticks and fists." The deputy sent a patrolman to investigate the alleged assault and recover the man's hat if possible.

OFF TO CANAL ZONE

Mr. and Mrs. Albert LaFrance, formerly of this city and for the past two years residents of Tuscarora, left Thursday for the Panama canal zone, where Mr. LaFrance has accepted a position with the United Fruit company. While the canal was being built Mr. LaFrance spent seven months in the zone and recently he was offered a lucrative position and he accepted it. Mrs. LaFrance's father, Norbert Trovener, will leave in a couple of months to join his daughter and son-in-law.

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OVER \$44,000,000 IN THE LOWELL SAVINGS BANKS

The thrifty people of Lowell have to their credit in savings accounts in the local banks over \$44,000,000 as this year comes to a close, a greater sum than ever before, and it is also true that a greater increase has been shown this year than ever.

The Lowell Board of Trade, in preparing the data for its annual business message for the new year, finds interesting totals compiled from the returns of the seven savings banks, the trust company with a savings department and two co-operative banks. There totals are as follows:

Total deposits Dec. 23, 1916	\$44,050,690.65
Total deposits, Dec. 24, 1915	40,030,860.44
Gain in 12 months	4,019,830.21
Number of open accounts Dec. 23, 1916	103,560
Number of open accounts Dec. 24, 1915	95,048
Gain in '12 months	8,512

INAUGURAL EXERCISES TUESDAY

The induction into office of the two recently elected commissioners, Frank A. Warrack and George H. Brown will take place Tuesday at 10 a. m. with the usual procedure. The council of

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"RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW"

All arrangements for the celebration in Lowell of the New Year holiday have been completed and according to the program prepared by various local organizations, hotels, etc. there will be something doing every minute. The hotels that will hold New Year eve parties are the Waverly, Harrington and Richardson.

The program will include "open house" and receptions at most of the clubs. The South End club will have New Year's banquet in their rooms in Lincoln hall, beginning at midnight. Sunday. There will be a dinner at the

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COAT THIEF GETS FIVE MONTHS

A sentence of five months in jail was handed to John McIntyre by Judge Pickman in police court this forenoon after he had pleaded guilty to two complaints charging him with the larceny of a coat valued at \$25 from Louis Brown and a coat valued at five dollars from Arthur Stodley. McIntyre was arrested yesterday by Lieut. Maher and Inspector Walsh after he had taken the Stodley coat from a building in Middlesex street. He was later accused of stealing Brown's coat from Main street and the forenoon admitted his guilt in both counts. He was committed to four months for stealing the Brown coat and one month for the less valuable one.

When the case of Charles Kaczmarek, the man who offered such resistance when arrested in his home in Sullivan's court Sunday, was called, an additional complaint was added. Charles was originally accused of drunkenness and assault upon Patrolman James J. Kennedy. Today a complaint charging him with assaulting Patrick O'Neil was added. Kennedy was unable to appear and the case was continued until next Saturday.

One woman was committed to two months in jail for drunkenness and another was sent to the same institution for ten days.

Dec. 3, 8 O'Clock hall, New Year's.

BOARD OF TRADE HEARS MILK PRODUCERS

About 50 milk producers from the suburbs of Lowell gathered in the board of trade rooms in the Central block this forenoon at a meeting held under the direction of the New England Milk Producers' association. Similar meetings were held in nearly every county in New England today with the purpose of formulating plans for a thorough organization of the producers with the idea of bringing about greater co-operation among the farmers and placing the dairy business on a more profitable basis. The results of today's discussion will be laid before the annual meeting of the New England Milk Producers' association to be held next month.

H. W. Tatham of Warren, R. I. Continued to page five

PRES. WILSON CONFERS NO INFORMATION ON ON R. R. LEGISLATION BRITISH VESSELS

WENT TO CAPITOL FOR CONFERENCE WITH CHAIRMAN NEWLANDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Wilson went to the capitol late today and conferred with Chairman Newlands of the senate interstate commerce committee about expediting the railroad legislation program in view of the failure of the railroads and the brotherhoods to agree on an application of the Adamson law.

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SAYS REVOLVER FOUND IN RUINS SIMILAR TO ONE OWNED BY SMALL

OSSEEP, N. H., Dec. 30.—Although said was in the debris. This was the carried out to minute details in other testimony of Edwin C. Conner, school principal and insurance agent, who resumed his place on the witness stand today.

Conner, who was Small's companion on the trip to Boston on Sept. 23, the day Mrs. Small was killed, had previously told of the defendant's statement jewelry valued at \$6000 which Small

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CITY DEBT STATEMENT UP TO DATE

Following is a statement of the city debt up to December 31st, 1916:

GROSS DEBT	
Gross City Debt	\$2,879,086.60
Gross Water Debt	1,479,750.00
Total Gross Debt	\$4,358,836.60
NET DEBT	
Net City Debt	\$2,372,270.73
Net Water Debt	667,927.28
Total Net Debt	\$2,940,198.01
Distance from debt limit, Dec. 30, 1916	\$392,201.94

"I LOVED YOU BETTER THAN YOU KNEW" VILLA ADVANCING ON CHIHUAHUA CITY

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 30.—Federal agents here today sent a report to Washington saying that Villa was advancing on Chihuahua City with approximately 10,000 troops. It was also said by the federal agents that Gen. Francisco Murguia was reported to be making preparations to evacuate the state capital.

DEUTSCHLAND OWNERS FILE ANSWER IN SUIT

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 30.—All allegations made by the T. A. Scott Co. of New London, against the owners of the German submersible merchantman "Deutschland" which sank the tug T. A. Scott, Jr., Nov. 17 off New London harbor, with loss of five men, are denied in the answer filed today in the admiralty court. The libel was for \$12,000 and a bond was given which permitted the tug to return to Germany. The allegations in substance were that the collision was due to negligence of Capt. Paul Koenig and his crew in handling the "Deutschland" and which the tug was conveying. No date was fixed for trial, but this is likely to be set for the period in which Capt. Koenig is in this country on his next trip which is expected to be next month.

The federal seaboard inspectors held that the collision was due to a wrong signal given by Capt. Gurney of the tug.

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U. S. BUSINESS MEN GET MANY ORDERS IN RUSSIA

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 30. (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—More and more the American business men appear to be investigating commercial possibilities in Russia. Every steamer from America brings steadily increasing numbers of them, and American business men are continually streaming in from Petrograd and Moscow with their pockets filled with contracts or the proceeds of sales.

There is, however, a very considerable number who either go no farther than Stockholm or who reach their aims only after weeks of weary waiting here. These are the men who, before shipping their goods to Russia, to inform themselves of the conditions to be met, of routes, of things essential to the sale and delivery of goods in Russia.

A typical case is that of the representative of certain automobile firms in America who came to Stockholm with some motor trucks intended for Russia despite the fact that it is nearly two years since the Swedish parliament enacted a law refusing transit to motor vehicles in any and all circumstances. This law, enacted in January, 1915, prohibits absolutely and unqualifiedly the transit through Sweden to Russia of arms or parts thereof, ammunition, war material not specially mentioned, lead in all forms and motor vehicles of any kind.

The shipper of the motor trucks was declined to reproach the British embassy in Washington for having issued to him letters of assurance on articles which could not be transited through Sweden. It may be that the men in the department of the embassy that issues these letters were not familiar with the Swedish law. Quite apart, however, from the question of whether they knew or should have given warnings, American shippers should understand that letters of assurance are in no way a guaranty that the goods covered are wanted by or can enter Russia, or that they can cross Sweden.

Russia, in common with all other belligerent countries, has prohibited the importation of certain goods and closely restricted the importation of others. Generally speaking, all luxuries may not be brought into the empire.

The list of things wanted is subject to frequent alteration; conditions outside Russia may make it impossible at a given moment to send certain articles thither. At present, for instance, it appears impossible to get any coffee across Sweden. At least one big shipment from an American firm has been held up for months because the Swedish government demands, as a condition, precedent to permitting it to be taken across the kingdom, that a third of the quantity be sold in Sweden. The British government detail in which American shippers appear often uninformed is the matter of routes, which now, with the approach of winter, becomes important. German submarines have recently been harrying shipping in the Gulf of Bothnia, such an extent that it has been seriously restricted. The result has naturally been the accumulation of goods in Swedish ports on the gulf. The freezing up of the Gulf of Bothnia, which may come now at any time, will close all water connection between Sweden and Finnish ports until next April. There will remain then only the overland route via Haparanda and Tornea. This is a single-track road, both in Sweden and in Finland, there is anything but a surplus of locomotives and other rolling stock on the Swedish end, and the route's transportation facilities are in general so limited that delays of weeks and even of months are possible in the case of goods not wanted with great urgency.

Archangel will soon be icebound, and in any event it is and has been of little importance for shippers desiring to avoid the Scandinavian route, inasmuch as the transportation facilities there have hardly more than sufficed to handle government importations of materials needed for the conduct of the war. It is reported unofficially that the completion of the new railway from Mourma to Alexandrovsk may be expected soon, but too optimistic hopes must not be based on the report. Alexandrovsk is ice-free all winter.

American shippers desiring to get goods into Russia late now and the re-opening of water transportation in the spring should keep themselves informed to the minute as to transportation conditions via Haparanda, as to goods desired and which will be favored in expedition, and to conditions in Sweden regarding transit. A neglect to obtain up-to-date information about any and all of these details may—probably will—mean vexatious delays and loss of profits or even more than profits.

The so-called "Aktiebolaget" (Stock Company) of the American Consulate in Stockholm with the consent of the British government to supervise transit of goods for Russia, possesses at all times complete information concerning all conditions mentioned. This information will be placed at the disposition of the American general in Stockholm upon request from him on behalf of an intending shipper. Another available source of information is the state department at Washington.

Regardless of the difficulties of getting goods into Russia, and American business men in Sweden are not less enthusiastic over the possibilities there. Not only are American goods highly regarded, but there is also, according to the testimony of several returned merchants, much dissatisfaction over many classes of goods. The Japanese have been flooding the Russian market. The same man spoke admiringly of the manner in which English merchants are grasping the opportunities offered.

"Wherever I went," he said, "I saw evidences of the excellence of English preparation to get and hold the Russian trade after the war. The English tradesmen have waked up. The great firms have men on the ground who know the language and the country's customs, and their organization is steadily becoming more efficient. I found no graft anywhere and paid out no money for bribes. My experience may be unique, but I gained the impression that the man who has honest goods to sell at honest prices can do business without bribery."

This American was inclined to think that the British government agencies at Washington are both issued in accordance with the same lists of goods required by Russia, and no preference is given in British exporters. We have been at great pains to institute as perfect a scheme for the transit of American goods as of British.

JOHN HAYS HAMMOND HIGH COST OF PAPER HELD FOR DAMAGES HITS MAGAZINES

GLOUCESTER MAN MUST PAY \$238,700 IN SUIT—HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS AGENTS

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 30.—That John Hays Hammond, the mining engineer, by failing to see that stock in the General Cotton Securities company was returned to Addison C. DuBois, a patent attorney, and Willard Doremus, an inventor, has made himself liable to \$238,700 damages, was the verdict rendered by a jury in the superior court here yesterday. An appeal will be taken.

Daniel L. Sully, former syndicate manager for the securities company, in his testimony during the trial, alleged that Hammond had not dealt in good faith with him in Sully's negotiations for the sale of the foreign rights in an invention by Doremus, now deceased.

The foreman of the jury said that they did not hold Mr. Hammond personally responsible for the allegations set forth in the testimony, but did feel that he was responsible for the acts of his agents.

INCREASES FOR TEACHERS
Referred by Somerville School Board to Next Year's Board on Recommendation of Committee

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—In his report submitted last evening by Sup't. Chas. S. Clark of Somerville to the school board, he moderately endorsed the petition of the teachers for an increase in pay, taking the stand that their request, based on a shrinkage in the purchasing power of their salaries, is justified.

He recommended a junior schoolhouse on Vinal avenue, ready for occupancy next September, and a 10-room elementary building in the vicinity of the Winter Hill Junior high school.

The finance committee reported that the minimum expense of granting increases in salaries, as petitioned by teachers, would amount to \$20,000 for the first year and recommended that the matter be referred to the school board of 1917, which was adopted.

A plan for the abolition of mid-year graduations was adopted. By the usual February graduations will be held in the high and elementary schools in 1917, but there will be no transfer of pupils to the high school in February for classes in preparatory, general or manual arts subjects. It also provided that next September the elementary schools shall be graded on the annual basis.

TITANIC WIDOW MARRIED
Mrs. Marian Kenyon Becomes Bride of O. A. Williams of Norwalk, Conn.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 30.—Announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Marian Kenyon, widow of P. R. Kenyon, formerly of Pittsburgh, who was lost in the Titanic disaster in 1912, and O. A. Williams of Norwalk, Conn., was made here last night by the couple, who are residing in a hotel in this city. The marriage took place at Santa Monica, Calif., Sunday. Williams is engaged in the lumber business in New York state.

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SEVERAL OF NATIONAL CIRCULATION ANNOUNCE INCREASE IN PRICE OF SUBSCRIPTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Owing to the increased cost of white paper and other materials necessary to printing, and artwork several magazines of national circulation announced today increases in the price of subscription. Other periodicals have already given notice of a similar jump in prices. Several of the smaller magazines in New York have suspended publication and others are planning to merge with publications controlled by the same interests.

Publishers explain that many of them have had to renew their contracts for paper at this time and to pay nearly 50 per cent more than this item has cost them in the past. The rise in subscription prices announced today ranged from 20 to 33 1-3 per cent.

REPORT OF BIRTHS

Dec.—
7—To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Peindl, of 36 Willie st., a daughter.
9—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hood, of 156 Andover st., a daughter.
15—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy, of 17 Bolton Place, a daughter.
16—To Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shustan, of 191 Chelmsford st., a son.
16—To Mr. and Mrs. John J. Flanagan, of 15 Richmond st., a son.
18—To Mr. and Mrs. William Cloutier, of 31 West Third st., a son.
19—To Mr. and Mrs. John F. Downs, of 91 Andrews st., a son.
20—To Mr. and Mrs. George Genois, of 40 Lewis st., a daughter.
20—To Mr. and Mrs. Stavros Marodes, of 2 Little st., a daughter.
21—To Mr. and Mrs. James Charlton, of 1 Crosby st., a son.
21—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy, of 23 Agawam st., a daughter.
22—To Mr. and Mrs. Orin Allen, of 375 Chelmsford st., a son.
22—To Mr. and Mrs. George H. Matthews, of 15 Bleachery st., a son.
23—To Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Trudel, of 48 Barclay st., a daughter.
23—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lyons, of 235 Salem st., a daughter.
23—To Mr. and Mrs. George C. Ware, of 82 Canton st., a son.
23—To Mr. and Mrs. Francis Donnelly, of 636 Merrimack st., a daughter.
23—To Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas P. Davidoff, of 39 Dunfee st., a daughter.
23—To Mr. and Mrs. George J. Hancock, of 51 Common st., sons (twins).
23—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blanchard, of 143 Moody st., a daughter.
23—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Lutz, of 7 Houghton st., a son.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. Adela Ayotte, of 49 Moody st., a son.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brady, of 2 Franklin st., a daughter.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. Christos Stamatakis, of 18 Lewis st., a daughter.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Holsinger, of 68 13th st., a son.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. Lambros Haramis, of 52 Marion st., a son.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. Jose Fernandez, of 171 Tilden st., a son.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hirsham, of 671 Broadway, a son.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Allard, of 114 Euclid st., a son.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Paquin, of 1 McIntire st., a son.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Davies, of 215 Bridge st., a daughter.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. Henri Roussel, of 31 Cullen st., a son.
27—To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McGowan, of 35 West st., a daughter.
27—To Mr. and Mrs. Telephone Beaudry, of 35 Fred st., a daughter.
27—To Mr. and Mrs. Ovide Leclair, of 343 Moody st., a son.
27—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Orrell, of 37 South Lowell st., a son.
27—To Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sullivan, of 209 Mt. Vernon st., a son.
27—To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Donnelly, of 65 Cragvale, a son.
27—To Mr. and Mrs. George J. Traugott, of 24 Fenwick st., a daughter.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE
If you desire a classy entertainment made up of many things of interest, then you will want to go to the B. F. Keith theatre, tomorrow afternoon, evening, and night, for three hours of pleasure at the very minimum of cost. Manager Ben K. Pickett has brought together a bill of more than usual strength, and for the day it is headed by three favorites, Martin Brennan and Ethel Powell, who have sung their way into the hearts of many during the past week, and who stand prepared to make further conquests. Mr. Brennan, possessor of a robust voice, has a specially fine appearance, and Miss Powell is a pianist and singer as well as being a most attractive young woman. Their act very easily ranks as one of the best of its kind ever seen here. Dorothy Mather, a singing comedienne of the first water, will also be present on the bill, she has a half dozen of the snappiest songs and her costumes are decidedly fetching. Arthur Sullivan and Rhea Scott, good entertainers, will be found on the program, and other acts are Tom Gillies, monologist, Lillian's Comedy Tete, and Frank Miller and the DeLone sisters. Some of the classic comedies and farces will also be presented.

OPERA HOUSE
This afternoon and tonight are the last changes for the theatre patron of this city to see "The Days of Adversity" (John W. Harris' greatest success) and one of the biggest hits that Lowell has ever known. A few seats remain, and these should be secured early for the demand is great.

Sunday afternoon and night, the Opera House will offer one of the finest Sunday programs that Lowell has seen in a long many seasons. The Honey Roy Four is a class quartet of Lowell's best vocalists, and these boys should make a sensation. Another act that is certain to prove a big hit is Wm. J. Monahan and his troupe. There are 25 entertainers in this group and the Charles Chaplin troupe will surely win high honors for fun-making. This troupe has been around in the show business for many years and is introducing a couple of fifty boys, and some fine entertainers. William J. Monahan is a singing and talking act, in which the food gates of laughter are left wide open in a big time feature. Monahan and his troupe are act from the start to the finish and this act will be one of the colossal hits of the season. Seats are now selling for high prices, and every act is being arranged to attract many hundreds are turned away every night. Seats can be secured by phoning 261.

Next week, starting with a special matinee on New Year's day, the Emerson Players will present "For the Man She Loved," a play of the most successful success, which is a more pronounced hit than "Within the Law," "Under Cover," "Kick In," and other plays. The Emerson Players have been secured for one week's production by special arrangement with Mr. Mason at an almost prohibitive royalty. Already the Emerson Players have been secured for the attraction, not only for the holidays but for the entire week and will make reservations early, on account of this big demand for seats, patrons are to be

quested to lift phone orders early as they will be held until 1:30 and 7:30 o'clock only.

"For the Man She Loved" is a play that is gripping and thrilling. It tells a wonderful story of a woman's sacrifice and the series of situations which the author has woven around his splendidly created characters. Others of the Emerson Players' dandy opportunities to exploit their talents and the entire strength of the company will be seen at their best.

A superb scenic production will also be given and "For the Man She Loved" promises to be the biggest hit that Lowell has ever known. So hurry, seats now. Don't wait until it is too late. Make application for reservations now. Phone 261.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE
But a few performances are left at which will be shown the highly interesting bill at the Merrimack Square theatre which has been arranged for the latter half of this week as this is the last day in other words today is the only day in which Vivian Martin will be seen in her amusing and entertaining live-act play. The Right Direction, in motion pictures should attend this theatre today for this is a picture which can be keenly appreciated. This is also the day for the last performance of the other gripping live-act drama, "Broken Chains," a story of prison life of an innocent convicted man and of his triumph of love. The play will be shown today at all the theatres as well as other plays which include an unusually fine comedy entitled, "A Villainous Villain."

The headliner of the Sunday concert tomorrow afternoon and evening will be the live-act drama of intense love, hate, jealousy and terrorism, "The Better Woman," starring the beautiful Leatrice Pierce who appeared here recently in the pleasing drama, "The Road to Love." Many other delightful plays will also be presented at this play tomorrow afternoon and evening.

JEWEL THEATRE
Lowell has not yet seen a funnier Chaplin comedy than "The Rink" presented by the show again today at the Jewel theatre. To see Chaplin on roller skates is the most laughable sight ever witnessed. The spontaneity with which Chaplin does every act is the best thing about these comedies. It's natural with him to be funny. Other fine pictures, including the final feature of "The Crimson Stain Mystery."

OWL THEATRE
You have undoubtedly often read of the great lumber drives, life in the great lumber camps, the thrills of the forest, but you have never been accorded the privilege of witnessing them in such "true-to-life" manner as in "Then It Came Back to You," the feature film at the Owl theatre this afternoon and evening. Appearing in the stellar role of the security officer is one of the most moving and emotional screen stars, Alice Brady. Charlie Chaplin will also be seen at the Owl today in another new Mutual Chaplin comedy. Other photographs will also be shown.

CROWN THEATRE
Mary Nash, one of the most popular stars on the speaking stage will be seen at the Crown theatre this afternoon and evening in the most moving and exciting in her first venture into the land of the silent drama, when she will appear in the stellar role of "Anne and the Women." This play is one of the most moving and exciting in the present great war and the making of nations in this country for the first time. The play is a story of Europe's other excellent attractions will also be shown at the Crown this afternoon and evening.

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PRES. WILSON'S EFFORTS DEFENDED IN BRITAIN

IF HE CAN STOP WAR AT SECURITY, "MILLIONS WILL CALL IT BLESSED," SAYS WEEKLY NATION

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Weekly Nation, in referring to President Wilson's note asking what the belligerent powers require for the conclusion of peace, takes the view that Mr. Wilson is exercising the right and performing the duty laid upon a neutral by the Hague convention, and says that his communication has been splendidly received by the British press.

"President Wilson knows enough of history and of human nature not to be discouraged by the fact that his efforts to do the belligerents a good turn has been misunderstood by one side and evaded by the other," the Nation adds.

"It is open to the critics of the note," the Nation continues, "to say it is inopportune or obscure, but it is impossible for them to deny that behind the note lies the greatest moral force that the war has left standing. They may say it is harder to realize the entirely reassuring truth that his power is now formally enlisted to secure the world's deepest need."

"This war is a flame which daily devours or deteriorates the world's stock of labor, food, raw materials and implements of industry, including America's share of the necessities of life. At least one of its possible and even early developments threatens her peace."

The Nation, carefully analyzing the note, declares that it is completely devoid of offense to the entire allies, and proceeds to argue that if Germany is willing to abandon the idea of mastering Europe and will drop desire of annexations and exploitations and take her place in the society of nations, the basis President Wilson seeks for peace has been found.

"If there is a force behind President Wilson," the Nation concludes, "directed by the war at the point of security and by it there, the governments may not know what to say to it, but millions of fathers and mothers will call it blessed."

MRS. WHITE, 101, DEAD
NEW SHARON, Mass., Dec. 30.—The funeral of Mrs. Sophronia Holman White took place yesterday at the home here. She was 101 years old on Aug. 31.

Mrs. White was born in Weldon Aug. 31, 1815, one of 12 children of Elisha and Phila Packard Holman. She married Orville White, May 1, 1834. He died in 1870. Ten children were born to them, of whom two survive: Andrew White of New Sharon, with whom she lived, and Mrs. A. J. Simpson of Portland, Me. Mrs. White's 100th birthday she received hundreds of callers. The school children marched in a body to her house.

She was a charter member of Central Daughters chapter, D. G. F. & M., Farmington, and took a lively interest in its work. To the last she was active in mind and body.

SANTA CLAUS COMEBACK
Santa Claus made a belated visit to the hall of the Salvation Army in Jackson street last evening and distributed toys and other good things to about 100 children, many of whom were, perhaps, forgotten on Christmas day. That everyone of the children present was happy was evidenced by one glance at their faces. There was a large tree loaded with gifts. The program included a concert solo by Edward Rowe, a recitation by James Morgan, remarks by James Downing and a duet by Misses Hazel and Pearl Wilson. Santa Claus was impersonated by W. R. Waterman.

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THE SPELLBINDER

The furor over the proposed election at city hall is steadily subsiding. The first of the year approaches and the fact that a little multitude of candidates still have hope, is likely that there will be a wholesale changing of office-holders in a municipal building at the beginning of the new year. As the number of candidates has increased the situation has become clearer for those ready in office. Changing officials is somewhat a different procedure under a present form of government from that it was under the old form. In the old days, a member of the city council at the beginning of the year would properly move to ballot for any of the heads of departments and a ballot might be taken immediately and a man getting a majority of votes in both branches declared elected, the man in office receiving not even the consideration of a thought. But under the present charter, there can be no election without a vacancy, and the vacancy comes only after the removal of an officer. The incumbent, if he must be removed for stated reasons. Thus the "good of the service" has been considered sufficient reason by the municipal council, for no test has ever been made to determine what the public thinks about it. But, however, this step is a distinct step on the part of the municipal council to change officials; the removal of the incumbent and the subsequent election of his successor.

The Closing Sessions

Making another comparison between the old conditions at city hall and the new, the commissioners held an afternoon session on Friday in an attempt to clean up outstanding business of importance. The members took lunch without leaving their seats around the big table in the mayor's reception room, where they were in the closing sessions in days gone by. The government was given up to hilarity which reached its climax in a "mock session" held by the municipal council at its final business meeting. In one thing, however, both the old and the new are alike. The matter of raising salaries. The committee on salaries always met in December and fixed the salaries for the following year. They appear to be doing it under the new form.

The Combination is Slipping

The alleged combination of Messrs. Morse, Brown and Warnock which has been a popular topic of discussion for the past week appears to be slipping and may never go into effect. It seems that friends of the combination have made several attempts to have a conference of the three, but in each case Mr. Brown has failed to put in an appearance. And now Messrs. Brown and Warnock are casting sheep's eyes at Mr. Donnelly, while some of their friends have been sounding out Mayor O'Donnell as to his attitude in the matter of assignments. But whatever the mayor may have in mind he has thus far kept them and his closest friends will not venture a guess as to what he may or may not do. It is known that Mr. Brown does not want the water department and that he does want the street department. Mr. Morse also wants to remain at the head of the street department, and there is only one department of streets, Mr. Donnelly would like to retain his position over the building department though he has had experience in both the street and finance departments. Mr. Warnock is said to have a desire to head the police department over which Mr. Donnelly now presides. And nobody speaks for the finance department, the easiest of all, for its commissioner.

The Messenger's Job

An interesting item in the Courier-Citizen a day or two ago on the subject of city messenger might lead one to believe that the messenger is simply what his official title implies, when as a matter of fact his messengerial duties are but a small part of his work. City Messenger Donnelly is a little man but he has a whole lot of responsibility on his shoulders and works longer hours than any other man in city hall. He is the custodian of city hall and has the spending of two appropriations, that for city hall amounting to \$18,000 and the messenger's appropriation of \$1500. Under his jurisdiction are three janitors, one elevator man, five charwomen, one engineer and three firemen. He is responsible for the heating and lighting of both city hall and the Memorial building and the cleaning of city hall. The Courier-Citizen referred to an "as-

sistant city messenger," but there is no such position either at city hall or in the civil service law. The title of the position referred to being "janitor." The city messenger must attend all meetings of the municipal council; all hearings and committee meetings. He has to prepare for and be present at all meetings of the civil service examinations, the weekly examinations of chauffeurs and the meetings of the park board and cemetery trustees. And it might be added that practically every board and commission of the state that has had dealings at city hall has complimented the present city messenger to his commissioner for the fine service and courtesy shown them. The present city messenger does something more than run errands and tell funny stories. He works.

THE SPELLBINDER.

GERMANY YIELDS TO THE REQUEST OF POPE

DECIDES TO RELEASE, FOR INTERNMENT IN SWITZERLAND, 100 FRENCH PRISONERS

BERLIN, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 28.—Germany has decided to release, for internment in Switzerland, 100 French prisoners of war, fathers of three or more children and inmates of German prison camps for 18 months. This step taken in response to a suggestion by Pope Benedict, will be extended, it is stated, should France display a disposition to reciprocate.

REASONS FOR FAILURE OF GERMAN FOOD SYSTEM

BATOCKI SAYS PRODUCERS EITHER CONSUME SUPPLIES OR SELL IN THEIR VICINITY

BERLIN, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 30.—Adolf T. von Batocki, president of the food regulation board, assigns as reasons for the failure of the system of maximum prices without appropriation of supplies the fact that producers either consume supplies themselves or sell to consumers in their vicinity, making it impossible for the remoter consumers in the cities to obtain sufficient supplies. Herr Batocki urges the cities to co-operate with the imperial authorities so as to avoid competition by the municipalities in contracting for supplies. He says that even where a graduated scale of maximum prices has been fixed to compensate for differences in location the system has failed to secure equitable distribution. This is due to the fact that consumers find ways of buying whatever surplus the producers have.

HELD POLICE FORCE AT BAY SEVERAL HOURS

BALTIMORE MAN SHOT PHYSICIAN AND DEFTED SCORE OF POLICEMEN

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 30.—After delaying for six hours efforts of a score of policemen and a number of residents of Gwynns, a suburb, to take him, George C. Gantz, 32 years old, who, in a fit of insanity yesterday morning, shot his physician, Dr. Geo. A. Hocking, was captured late yesterday. Dr. Hocking was wounded in the arm and shoulder, but not seriously. The bullet was out by small shot and broken glass. Using two large cushioned chairs as shields, Detective Wesley Cramer and Patrolman Bell safely reached the front door of the house and broke it in. On ascending the stairs leading to the attic, Cramer saw Gantz jump just within the door with a pistol in his hand. Cramer sprang into the room and grappled with the insane man, and when Patrolman Bell came into the room Gantz was quickly overpowered.

During the siege, relatives and friends alike got no consideration from the insane man. After driving one sister from the house Gantz threatened to kill another when she tried to come to his aid. He was taken to the city hospital where he is said to have had mental trouble since he recovered from an attack of typhoid fever four years ago. He is a graduate of Princeton university and was a successful business man in New York before his breakdown.

LICENSE BOARD HELD SPECIAL MEETING

The license commission held a special meeting at 10 o'clock this forenoon with all members present to grant auctioneer and public amusement licenses that expire on the last day of the year. The theatre licenses granted were as follows:

Samuel Orbach, oval, capacity, 1100, Haverport and McKim, Jewel, 507 Merrimack street, capacity, 724; Sites-Emerson Co., Inc., Opera House, 347 Central street and 120 Gorham street, capacity, 1250; Crown Theatre Co., Inc., Solomon Knepp, 72 Middlesex street, capacity, 1200; P. P. Keith's by Frank capacity, 2000, agent, 25-27 Bridge st., capacity, 1745; Lowell Theatre Co., Merrimack Square theatre, by W. J. Nelson, 146 Paige street, capacity, 1320; Royal theatre, George Hanson, 458 Merrimack street, capacity, 900.

The James E. Hanson, Rock street; Frank E. Baker, 38 Gates street; Walter E. Guyette, 53 Central street; Geo. E. Stiles, 219 Hildreth building; Eugene E. Mansur, 22 Central street; E. Gaston Campbell, 325-325 Hildreth building.

DR. WHEELER, EDITOR DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Dr. Claude L. Wheeler, editor of the New York Medical Journal since 1909, died of pneumonia today at his home in Brooklyn.

TRANSPORT WITH RUSSIAN TROOPS SUNK BY MINE

BERLIN, Dec. 29, by wireless to Sayville.—The Finnish steamer Othona of 1079 tons with a regiment of Russian coast artillery from the Aland Islands on board, struck a mine and sank in a few minutes, according to a despatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Copenhagen. All on board with the exception of 50 persons are said to have been drowned. The steamer was bound for Helsingfors. In addition to the men lost, 1000 horses went down with the ship.

JOHN MYERS PROUD OF HIS NEPHEW

John Y. Myers, the local auto supply man, is very proud of his nephew, Walter R. Courtney, of School street, who on Christmas day rescued 8-year-old Kendall A. Parker from drowning in the Merrimack river.

Mr. Myers is quite pleased with the business which is progressing at his new store on Middlesex street. His plant and tubes at a considerable discount from list prices. Yet, this by no means comprises his entire business. Rather does he handle a goodly stock of accessories and supplies, at correspondingly low prices.

FIREMEN SUMMONED BY TELEPHONE

A telephone alarm at 11:20 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a blaze in the attic of a house at 12 Barth street occupied by George M. Foster and family. Mr. Foster's mother, aged about 85 years, was in the room when the fire started but made her escape before sustaining any burns. Engine 2, Truck 2, and the Protective company responded and had the fire under control before much damage was done. The building is owned by Horace P. Beals.



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In His Latest

"THE RINK"

MORRIS PLAN COMPANY TO OPEN WEDNESDAY

With the opening of The Lowell Morris Plan company this city takes another progressive step by providing the expert solution of a financial problem which hitherto has been left to the untrained individual to solve for himself.

This financial problem—how best to furnish industrial credits—is not peculiar to Lowell but is the outgrowth of economic conditions, and it is precisely these conditions The Lowell Morris Plan company is equipped to meet here.

In every well balanced financial system there should be three forms of credit—commercial, rural and industrial. The business man has his credit needs supplied by national, state and private banks, and the federal government has supplied the machinery for rural credits.

It was left to The Morris Plan to provide the solution of the third and equally important one of these credit phases industrial credits—by furnishing banking facilities for the workman and salaried employee by extending loan accommodations at a reasonable rate.

Character The Basis of Credit

It was The Morris Plan method of making small loans which first attracted the attention and then captured the indorsement of the business world; for through it, character becomes the basis of credit.

In other words, if a man has character he possesses collateral on which he can obtain credit. The Lowell Morris Plan company and the loan is made to him at a rate of interest so reasonable that he realizes at once that he has obtained that recognition due to a man who has earned the right to have his financial needs filled by a company which is neither a philanthropist nor a system for exploiting the temporarily unfortunate.

From the viewpoint of The Morris Plan, every man who has good character and an earning capacity is entitled to credit in keeping with his needs. The laborer, the mechanic and the salaried employee each have the right to expect that a business-like provision shall be made to meet their financial needs. Charity is as great an insult to these men as extortion is an injustice.

How a Loan is Obtained

If a workingman or salaried employee is confronted by an urgent need for money he can go to The Morris Plan company and state his problem. He is not asked to pledge as security his watch or jewelry, or even household goods or anything of the kind. Instead it may be that he wants to obtain a loan from The Morris Plan company in order that he can redeem his personal property already pledged.

In The Morris Plan office he will be asked to give information relating to his earning capacity, and to name his character references. If the questions are answered satisfactorily he will be given an application blank and a note, and the method of filling out both will be explained to him in detail.

It is necessary to have two co-makers of good character sign the application and the note with him. When the application and the note are signed by him and his co-makers they are returned to The Morris Plan company and go for approval to the loan committee.

If the results of the investigation are satisfactory, the cash is paid over to the borrower.

Interest is charged at six per cent and is deducted from the amount of the loan, just as commercial banks do it.

There is an investigation charge of \$1 for every \$50 or part thereof borrowed, but no investigation charge exceeds \$5. This charge, however, is not made if the loan is not granted.

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STREET CAR SERVICE HIT HARD AT HEARING

The hearing held at city hall last night for the purpose of giving the public an opportunity to discuss the street car service before officials of the company brought over 100 to the hall. Practically every section of the city was represented and those who protested against the present service were emphatic in their denunciations, and drastic in their suggestions.

Among the things mentioned were the removal of white poles and the changing of cars from one line to another without notice.

The hearing opened at 8 p. m. and Mayor O'Donnell in a brief outline explained its purpose. The past two months, he said, he had received many complaints against the local car service and he thought a public hearing would give all who cared to do so an opportunity to be heard. Among the lines mentioned and planned for, he said, are the Highlands and the North street lines.

Herbert E. Webster asked whether the responsibility for present conditions rests on the local officials or on the men higher up and Thomas Lees said that he and H. L. Parsons would assume all the responsibility for changes that have been taken place.

Mr. Lees said that it is not possible to furnish perfect service during rush hours. The equipment is not sufficient and much has been borrowed from other cities. An order for 200 cars was placed in March, with the promise that they would be delivered in December. Since that time the makers have said that they cannot deliver them until June. In answer to a question by the mayor Mr. Lees said that the 200 cars mentioned will be for the system in general but that Lowell will get its share.

Mr. Webster said he was glad to learn that the local officials would assume responsibility. "The efficiency man was all a myth then," he added. He then told those present to voice their complaints. "If you feel that you have been abused at it or at home—talk here. Speak up and call an ace an ace."

Michael J. Mahoney said that when he went to the Highlands the Westford street car line was one of the best in the city. But since evening time it has deteriorated. One evening recently there were 115 persons on the car. When two cars go closely together the first will carry 80 or 90, while on the second there will be about 10. He suggested that the second car be delayed somewhat.

Benton Mills touched upon the prepayment system on the smaller car, and said that much time is lost around the square. The cars do not run at all on schedule time, especially at night, he said.

Mayor O'Donnell took up a letter from Frederick G. Humphreys, protesting against the service on the Lawrence street line. He said the 400 cars of the Bunting club cater to the poor service. Forty minutes are required to go to Bunting park. A belt line was suggested through Boylston street.

Rev. John Singler of the Lawrence Street Methodist church said he understood that 15-minute time had been promised to that section several years ago. But that has never been realized, and although 20-minute time is the schedule, it is rarely lived up to. Rev. Mr. Singler said that the condition of the cars on the line, saying they are not fit to ride in.

Richard Sykes said that cars which are used by employees of the rendering works are in very bad condition. He doubted that a microbe could live in any one of them. He had seen 83 persons on a "bob-tail" car on the line.

H. Hodson said that it took 25 minutes to go from the postoffice to the Moore street turnoff. Wigginsville had "got it in the neck," he said. "I got so irritated that I walked out and from my work I walked home three months. It didn't make much—only 15 minutes—but if a dozen persons had done so it would have made a lot of difference to the road."

J. P. Coutu spoke briefly and an anonymous letter from a woman taxpayer, complaining about the Moody street line, was also read. He referred to the dirty conditions in cars numbered 70 and 703, and also mentioned the "high salaries of officials."

Edward J. Tierney touched upon conditions on this line, and felt it to be "up to" the officials to improve the service.

William H. Rieby criticized the service in Fawcettville at the noon hour and in the early evening. A written protest from residents of the white pole at the corner of Butterfield and Fletcher streets was read by the mayor.

John E. L. Toronto complained about the infrequency of service on Fletcher street, and he told of seeing cars go out of the square daily marked "Depot" and "Car Barn" which were supposed to go to Fletcher street, and many times cars have no markings on them at all.

The Highlands line was next tackled. A Mr. Appleton had seen 57 and 59 passengers on cars meant to seat 30. The 745 a. m. car is one of the worst offenders, he said. He had seen a car wait on the Button street turnoff 23 minutes for another car, and at the foot of Coral street there are disagreeable waits.

No one appeared to register any protest against the conditions on the Gresham street line.

Lawrence Cummings suggested that the Bay State officials make protest

against the shifting of steam cars at Middlesex street, on Button street and at Merrimack, between the hours of 5:30 and 7 p. m. and at noon. If such shifting were stopped, he felt that the running time of the Highlands line might more nearly be kept on the schedule.

There was no remonstrance against the Lakeview avenue and Nashua line, the Oaklands and the Christian Hill lines.

A Mr. Perham of Chelmsford complained about the service to the Centre. There are as many cars on the line as ever before, but there is mismanagement in their handling. The cars could be used to far better advantage.

H. S. Adams said he had seen two or three cars pass and find it impossible to get on them, and then to strike one on which he would have to stand up. A woman from Golden Cove told of the conditions there. She had got a car at 8:05 which should have been reached at 7:35.

No remonstrances to conditions on the Andover street, Hildreth street and Rogers street line was offered.

Thomas Murphy, North Chelmsford, said that workers in the North Chelmsford line are entitled to better treatment; that they are packed in like animals.

C. J. Allgrove of Tyngsboro told of white poles between the Country club and the Centre which are doing no good. There are no lights there at night. They might be done away with, or put in some place where they can do some good.

John A. Bailey said there are no stops on Middlesex street between the plant of the Patterson Co. and Hadley street. Because he has an acquaintance with the motormen they sometimes stop for him. The people in Middlesex street are getting "soaked," he felt.

Mr. Lees was asked if cars bound for the car barn were expected to stop and Mr. Lees said they are.

There was no objection to conditions on the High street line.

Definition of Franchise

Mr. Webster wanted to know what a franchise is, and the mayor said he understood it to be the right given by a municipality to a public service corporation to use the streets of the city. Mr. Webster wanted to know for what the franchisees are granted and the mayor said originally for the benefit of the public.

Mr. Webster asked if the municipal government has the right to revoke a franchise. The mayor's reply was that the franchisee never granted that the franchisee period, but that the modern method is to grant them for limited periods. The mayor suggested that the legislature has the right to revoke franchises.

Mr. Webster said the Bay State road cannot afford to do certain things. If they cannot then they should turn their holdings over to another corporation, he said. There would be no difficulty, he felt, in getting Lowell to take over the road and the people of Lowell for the benefit of the people of Lowell.

"They will go to the public service commission and will say that out of the thousands of people in Lowell just 21 stood up and said something," said Mr. Webster, "and then they will show their stenographic reports to the commission."

At the conclusion of the hearing Mayor O'Donnell suggested that Mr. Lees tell what he intended to do to remedy the troubles.

Blames Car Shortage

Mr. Lees said he felt that the principal complaints have to do with the conditions in rush hours. And that is due to a car shortage. Three cars are taken up all the time because of the construction of a new bridge to Bowdoinville. Referring to white pole complaints, he said that since the changes were made every complaint has been looked into. The bad cars on the Moody street line, he said, are inevitable somewhere because of the shortage of better cars. To try to accommodate one person on the Pawtucketville side of the bridge would be sure to discommodate another. Delays on the South Lowell and Fletcher street lines he laid to the running of 15 or 20 cars at the same time. It is impossible to run 17 cars at a time as nearly on schedule as one would be run. Mr. Lees felt that Mr. Webster has misconstrued his motives in bringing a stenographer to the meeting.

Mr. Lees said there has been a return to the old schedule on the Westford street line. Mr. Webster said the schedule is all right, but the cars try to make it all wrong. Mr. Lees said he had heard recently that the service has improved.

Mr. Webster said that the service has improved. "You are getting the old schedule," said Mr. Lees.

"That is not so," said Mr. Webster. "Speak up, men of Westford street, and say if it is so or not."

One voice, according to Mr. Webster, was heard.

"I don't say that our schedule yesterday was maintained," said Mr. Lees, "because it is very evident that it is not, but there are the cars and the schedule is now as it was prior to Oct. 15."

Mr. Lees said he had never heard that Mr. Sykes had been promised 15-minute time for South Lowell.

Mr. Sykes said President P. F. Sullivan had promised that time.

Mayor O'Donnell suggested that if improvements are not noted in the local service that the public service commission should be invited to come to this city to confer with the Bay State officials, and point out to them methods of improvement.

THE SOUTH END CLUB BANQUET

Following out its usual custom, the South End club will celebrate the advent of the New Year tomorrow night with a banquet starting just 15 minutes before midnight. The affair will be held in the rooms of the organization in the Langdon hall building and in view of the rapidly increasing membership it has been deemed advisable to limit the attendance to members. At the post-prandial exercises, J. Henry Gribble, deputy tax commissioner of Middlesex county, will be toastmaster and the speakers will be Hon. James R. Casey, Daniel J. Donohue, Hon. George W. Thomas, J. Corbett and John W. Donoghue, all South End boys. A splendid musical program embracing the club's talent, will be given with Prof. Wm. Gribble at accompanist. The rooms are being nicely decorated for the occasion and it gives promise of being a real South End affair which means a night of genial pleasure and delight to those who attend.

U. S. SENDS SECOND EXPLANATORY NOTE TO BELLIGERENTS

BERLIN, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 30, 10.10 a. m.—It has been learned that a few days ago President Wilson sent a second note explanatory of the first, to the central powers and the entente nations. This note has not been presented.

The reason for the withholding of the second note is said to be that the German reply, received in the interim, showed that the German government had not been influenced by the "misconception" regarding the purpose and aims of President Wilson's steps which an unfriendly press in both camps attributed thereto.

LANSING REFUSES TO COMMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Secretary Lansing refused to comment in any way on the report that a second explanatory note had been sent to the American powers and the entente allies to correct misinterpretations of the president's note calling for peace terms. He indicated that under the recent policy of silence adopted by President Wilson and himself in peace negotiations, he would make no statement either affirming or denying such reports.

It is felt that much misunderstanding might arise in the people's mind but it is held that the various governments addressed will be influenced only by the official information, which will be quite complete. Secretary Lansing also refused to indicate whether he thought the Berlin report might have arisen out of the sending abroad for the information of American diplomats of his two statements authorized the day the note was published. It is known that these statements were transmitted to the American diplomats to acquaint them fully with what had taken place here but that they were not instructed to present them to the various foreign offices.

Secretary Lansing has been most emphatic ever since his two statements were issued in saying that the president's note was absolutely self-explanatory and required no further comment. He has stated also that no special instructions were sent to the American diplomats as to the manner of presenting the note. Intimations that the misunderstandings abroad, particularly in the public mind, might be dispelled by official statements from here, have met with an unfavorable reception. It has been said that no matter what the public misunderstandings are just at present, this situation would eventually clear of itself and must be kept as part of the results of the negotiations absolutely confidential.

SCANDINAVIAN NOTE PRESENTED

BERLIN, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 30.—The Scandinavian peace notes were presented today to the foreign office in Berlin and Vienna. The Swedish minister in Berlin and the Swedish and Danish representatives in Vienna being the first to deliver the documents. The text agrees with outlines telegraphed from the Scandinavian capitals.

DR. NATHAN PRAISES WILSON

BERLIN, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 30.—Dr. Paul Nathan, well known in America as the secretary of the German-Jewish Aid society, in an article in Der Tag warns the Germans against the view that President Wilson is a mere puppet pulled by British wires. The article, which is a good example of moderate German views, is based on the assumption that President Wilson is pursuing a policy dictated solely by practical American interests and in the interest of a people who are exceedingly proud of their independence and national characteristics.

"So much power attaches to the presidency," writes Dr. Nathan, "that even a weak president would hardly become dependent upon a foreign country. But President Wilson is by no means a weak character. On the contrary, he is hard to deflect from his purpose. His note and the German reply, both of them, show that the ultimate aims of American and German policy have drawn substantially nearer and it does not lie in German interests to ignore that fact and render impossible further developments in this direction through unjust attack."

President Wilson and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg do not say the same thing and yet their utterances are similar, whereas President Wilson's speech presents a complete dissonance. German officials are content to completely emphasize the fact that the German policy and the policy of the highest neutral

state are not in irreconcilable conflict.

PRINCIPAL POINTS IN U. S. NOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The American government, it became known authoritatively today, believes there are three principal points in its note to the belligerents and is surprised that they have not been more clearly understood, particularly by the press of the entente allies.

These points taken in their order of importance from the administration viewpoint are:—

The first is that the position of neutral nations be "rendered altogether intolerable" if the war continues. The suggestion that arrangements be made as a guarantee against similar conflicts in the future.

The proposal that means be found for comparing the concrete peace terms of both sides.

The last point has aroused most comment, and the first was emphasized by Secretary Lansing's statement afterwards modified, that the United States itself might be drawing near entrance into the war. It was learned today, thought the suggestion for an arrangement to preserve peace in the future would attract more attention among the entente allies than it apparently has, and furnish a means through which these nations could enter with perfect propriety into a serious peace discussion.

If such an arrangement could be made, the administration feels, there would be no ground for the fear that agreements over terms made between the belligerents would not be kept after the present war ends. It was learned today that such a fear has been one of the main objections of the entente allies to entering into peace discussions.

ALLIES' ANSWER TO GERMAN

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The allies' answer to the German note of Dec. 12 will be handed to Ambassador Sharp tonight and published tomorrow says the Petit Parisien. It is long and sets forth again the responsibility of the central empires for the European conflagration. It insists on legitimate reparations and demands that Germany be completely outlawed by Premier Lloyd George and also says that Germany, by failing

to formulate proposals for peace, removes in advance any basis for pour parlers.

The note seeks to suggest that the Berlin cabinet, having proclaimed in 1914 its contempt for treaties cannot pretend to obtain the same conditions as powers respectful of signatures and most other guarantees.

KING THINKS PEACE NEAR

BERLIN, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 30.—Bundest dispatches quote Emperor Charles as saying to Count Julius Andrassy during the reception yesterday: "Our enemies are finally commencing to understand that they cannot conquer us. I have, therefore, reason to hope that the loyal offers of the central powers have brought us nearer to peace."

HOPE OF PEACE REMOTE

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger has become pessimistic over the prospects of peace according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. The Danish paper quotes the Friday issue of the paper as saying:—

"As the result of information received in well informed political circles we have the impression that the hope of speedy peace becomes more remote. The feeling in leading circles in the belligerent capitals is too plain and no mistake as to the intentions of the central powers is possible."

SUPPORT PRES. WILSON

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The Swedish, Norwegian and Danish ministers delivered notes to the foreign office last night supporting the initiative taken by President Wilson. The notes are identical and are couched in terms even more platonic than the Swiss note.

REPLY TO PRES. WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Denmark's reply to President Wilson's peace proposals was received today by the state department. It agrees with that of Norway presented yesterday.

The official copy of the Swedish note also reached the department today but in similar terms to those from Norway and Denmark previously received.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.

Expert vulcanizing, Beharrell's.

J. S. Mohr, optometrist, Wyman's Ex.

Miss Maud A. Black is with friends in Fitchburg.

Mr. Mary W. Holden and her daughter, Mary, are in New York for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Philippard of Milford, N. H., are visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Baldwin of Geneva, N. Y., were guests in the city during the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. William F. English spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Connecticut.

When you have any real estate to sell, consult J. F. Donohue, 223 Hildreth bldg. Telephone.

Miss Margaret Trowbridge and Miss Grace Trowbridge have been the guests of Mrs. James Manning in Lawrence.

Miss Genevieve Callahan, a teacher in Haverhill, N. H., is spending two weeks' vacation at her home in North Chelmsford.

Miss Marjorie Stover and Mr. Richard Stover entertained last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Stover of Nesmith street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jordan of Gresham avenue leave tonight for Montreal and Quebec city, where they will pass the New Year holidays.

The board of managers of the Molly Varnum chapter, D.A.R., will give a New Year's reception to the members on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 3.30 o'clock.

Mr. John C. Hogan and her two daughters of 54 Bartlett street have returned from New London, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Ethel Ronger, formerly of this city, but a resident of New Brunswick for several years, has been visiting friends here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Butler, of Lowell, have been at the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, for the Christmas holidays. They started for New York on Wednesday.

Miss Clara E. Holland, superintendent of the Lowell Guild, was forced to give up her work during the past week because of illness. She has gone to her home in Whittingsville for a rest.

Mr. Greel Treason, in the office of the general manager of the U. S. Rubber Co. in New York city, is spending a week or ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Treason of Crowley street.

Miss Lucille Washburn, a daughter

NEW DESTROYER BEATS CONTRACT SPEED

ROCKLAND, Me., Dec. 30.—The Bath-built torpedo boat destroyer Allen came off the Rockland course with flying colors yesterday afternoon, having shown her ability to exceed contract speed by one knot. Her fastest mile during the standardization trial was at the rate of 31.50 knots an hour, and she averaged 31.18 on her five high-speed runs. The contract calls for 30 1-2 knots.

The weather conditions were not especially satisfactory. In her northerly runs over the course, the destroyer faced a fresh breeze and quite a heavy sea. Her behavior offered no chance for criticism, however, and her turbines responded readily to the gradually increasing demand for speed as the 36 runs were sailed out. The fastest mile was made on the third top-speed run, at which time the new propeller, installed at the Portsmouth navy yard, was making 624 turns a minute, and approximately 16,000-horsepower was being developed. The trial demonstrated that contract speed could be made with the propeller turning 580 times a minute.

Anchor, compass and steering tests all proved satisfactory. Vice Pres. C. P. Wetherbee of the Bath Iron Works had charge of the destroyer. Three of her future officers were aboard, Lieut. Commander Samuel W. Bryant, who will command; Lieut. Franklin B. Conger, who will be executive officer and navigator; and Lieut. Merton L. Deyo, who will be engineering officer. The trials are under the direction of the board of inspection and survey, Capt. W. A. Gill, president and Lieut. Commander H. L. Brinser, recorder. The Allen was built at a cost of \$800,000 and will be in commission next month.

The four-hour full-power run scheduled for today will complete the Allen's tests. She will return to Bath if the Kennebec river is free of ice; going to Portland otherwise.

THINK EXPLOSION SUNK STEAMER MARYLAND

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—That the American steamer Maryland, which sent out wireless appeals for help broadcast early last Tuesday morning saying that she was sinking and in need of immediate help, was destroyed by an explosion is the belief expressed by the officers of the coastguard cutter Gresham, which returned here yesterday afternoon after a fruitless search for the vessel, and boats containing her crew of 34 men.

It seems certain that the crew have perished, as no trace whatever was found by either the Gresham or Acushnet, which steamed many miles around the place where the vessel is supposed to have gone down. Fragments of wood, furniture and interior furnishings were scattered over a large area near where the Maryland was when she called for help. While there was nothing in the foetus to indicate that the vessel had exploded, the cutter's officers are convinced that it was the remains of the Maryland.

FOUND DYING ON TRAIN

Conductor Barrett of B. & M. Stricken While on Duty, Died in Melrose Hospital

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Patrick J. Barrett of Ash street, Reading, a Boston & Maine conductor, known to thousands of suburban commuters, was found unconscious on the platform of a fast moving train just outside of Malden last night. He was taken from the train at the Melrose station and rushed to the Melrose hospital but died shortly after reaching there. Death was due to heart trouble.

Barrett was 54 years old. He entered the employ of the B. & M. in 1879. He was promoted to conductor on April 15, 1894, and since that time has run continuously on local trains. He was one of the most popular conductors on the road. He is survived by his wife.

ISSUES WARNING TO HORSE OWNERS

The Lowell Humane society office today cautioned horse owners and drivers against the danger of azoturia or blackwater, a disease common among work horses and one for which a period of two or more days during which they are unexercised. The officers advise that the amount of feed be reduced and that the horses be exercised. The danger is imminent at the present time on account of New Year's holidays, following a Sunday. Two consecutive days of rest frequently results in fatal cases of blackwater. There is not much danger for overworked or thin horses but a well cared for horse is liable to be suddenly attacked. Lowell horse owners have had sad experiences with this disease in the past.

The prominent symptoms of azoturia are:—

(a) The going over on one or more of the hind fetlock joints.

(b) The passage of dark red or dark brown urine.

(c) The loss of control over the hind legs.

(d) The convulsive movement of the body and limbs with lack of power to regulate or control the movement of the muscles when down, with consequent inability to get up.

Azoturia usually makes its attack that may end fatally in a few hours or days, or a full recovery may ensue, or a tardy recovery may set in which will leave a partial paralysis of the hind legs that will last for months, ending fre-

quently in death.

Back of Teckbury, a judge, publicly guilty of assault with intent to murder, will also be presented to the grand jury. Buck is the man alleged to have shot Capt. James Brosnan and Patrolman Abbott of the local police department while they were trying to place him under arrest in the plant of the Avery Chemical Co. in Wamecet.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

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Quantily in complete inability to start. In the city work horse azoturia presents itself usually on Mondays after the Saturday half holiday and Sunday rest and is especially prevalent after two full days of idleness with full ration and no exercise, as for instance, the Sunday and a holiday come together.

The prevention of this serious condition is in cutting down the feed (oats) and giving daily exercise to animals when they are not being worked a great deal.

When a horse drops in the street from this cause the driver should at once notify the society, and he should also, if possible, notify a veterinarian surgeon. In the meantime making the animal as comfortable as possible pending the arrival of the agent or veterinarian.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., FACING A SERIOUS COAL SHORTAGE

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 30.—This city is facing a serious coal shortage due in part to the small supplies available in Cape Breton, whence most of the colony's stock comes, and also to the scarcity of ships to bring coal here.

About 15,000 tons will be required to meet the needs of St. Johns during the winter season from Jan. 1, to April 30, and energetic attempts are now being made to obtain this.

So far about 7500 tons have been contracted for in various collieries in Cape Breton, but it is believed that the remainder must be obtained in England and brought across the Atlantic if shipping can be had. Otherwise the coal supplies available will probably be commandeered and doled out as equitably as possible for commercial and private uses.

WALTER G. WRIGHT HONORED

Mr. Walter G. Wright, of the engineering department of the Saco-Lowell shops was given a very pleasant surprise this noon when his fellow draftsmen and the heads of departments presented him a beautiful gas lamp.

Mr. Wright is retiring after thirty years' service with the Saco-Lowell shops and their predecessor, the Lowell Machine shop, and carries with him the good will, respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. The men in the drafting room especially will always have a warm place in their hearts for "Buckey."

NORTH CHELMSFORD

There will be a service at 7 o'clock Sunday night at St. Alban's mission at which Rev. Wilson Waters will preach.

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BOARD OF TRADE

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was the speaker at the local meeting. The idea of the organization is for better milk, co-operative purchase of supplies and associated selling, he said. It is proposed to have the brand "Made in New England" applied to dairy products, become so well and favorably known to New England consumers that every pound of butter and cheese consumed in New England shall be produced here. Many questions were asked and answered by Mr. Tingham after his talk.

Mr. Tingham's address was in part as follows: "My friends, if there was no other reason for your being here it would be furnished by the report just issued of the special milk board of the state board of health. That report must give you all courage to continue, and in itself furnishes a reason for your being here. To the best of my knowledge you are at last fairly treated by a state commission, and made to feel that a profitable business for yourself must, and can, depend on your own efforts. You are made to feel that you as producers will not be further hampered by unjust criticism or by one-sided legislation providing you yourselves put your shoulder to the wheel and help toward better milk and better profits from it, for yourselves."

"The report plainly states that the public can only expect better milk when it pays to make it better, and that they propose to co-operate to that end. Before we go into the details of the N.E.M.P.A., let us acquaint ourselves with a few facts from that report. To give an idea of the financial importance of dairying in Massachusetts the following facts are given: 147,000 milk cows at an average value of \$60 equals \$8,820,000. The same number of cows yielding 5% quarts daily at a value of only 4 cents a quart equals \$12,360,000 a year. Then using New York state figures for land values, etc., per cow, or \$630 for land, buildings, feed, milk, etc., it equals the tremendous sum of \$98,960,000 to finance the cows on our Massachusetts farms. And at one man for eight cows we have 18,375 men working 14 hours a day to feed and milk these cows."

"To have all this tremendous amount of capital wasted, all this labor in vain, because the business is not profitable certainly justifies the present work of organization. Figures are twisted so easily I hate to quote them, but the fact that in 1880 there were over 200,000 cows in Massachusetts, with a population of 2,250,000, and today we have only 147,000 cows and a population of 2,700,000, tells our story. No further comment is necessary. We

must go out of business or meet our problem squarely. We must get better prices for our product, and give better value as well, and to get better prices, and to teach us to give better value we must associate together—combine if you please, combine legally and righteously for a living profit, but as well combine for better standardizing and grading of our product. Singly we cannot do it; combined we can do anything except procure a high price for a poor article. That cannot be done, and it is no part of our business to say so.

"We do not intend to be unfair to the consumer, we cannot afford to be. But for a minute, but we must protect ourselves by a living profit on our business, and we must do it by combination, because we are up against combination.

"As dairy products are distributed regardless of county or state lines, and the welfare of each cow owner is to me that the only way is for a New England wide federation to the end that we can better serve our customers and ourselves.

"The purpose of this meeting here today is to see if you will put your shoulder to the wheel; to see if you will join in this grand movement which is being made today, this minute, in every county in New England, to put dairying on a better business basis. Do you believe that our New England markets should be supplied with milk and cream made in New England? Will you help to this end?"

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Tonight at 8 o'clock is the last opportunity to see the Max Asher Musical Comedy Co. in the play, "A Night Out." This company of 20 star performers (mostly girls) presents the play in a very appealing way. This play must not be confused with the motion pictures which have previously been shown at this theatre. Tomorrow night there will be a big double bill, including six fine vaudeville acts and several feature moving pictures, among which will be twosome Clyde Chubb and his releases.

Billy Hall who will present his Musical Comedy company at the Academy of Music New Year's day, is considered one of the most versatile comedians in musical comedy. He does not depend on any one character as he is equally at home in any of the following: Tramp, blackface, old man, rube, Irishman, silly country boy or a juvenile, he is also a musician of no mean ability, and can sing a song very cleverly and with the brush and has painted most of the scenery that his company carries.



RING OUT THE OLD

Continued

Vesper Country club at the same hour and it will be followed by dancing. Festivities at the C.M.A.C. in Pawtucket street, will start at 9 o'clock and continue till the wee hours of the morning. Other entertainments will include a ladies' night at Club Lafayette, a banquet at Club City-Americans, a banquet at the Riverside club, a buffet luncheon and reception under the auspices of the South Lowell Improvement association, a buffet luncheon and reception by Gay Savoy-Corner in the Sacred Heart hall, East Pine street. Tomorrow the Centralville Social club will keep open house all day for the members and the program will include a buffet luncheon and entertainment.

The Episcopal churches will usher in the new year by watch services tomorrow evening, while Catholic churches will hold special services tomorrow evening, Monday morning and

evening, Monday being a holy day of obligation.

In Lawrence a grand banquet will be given in National hall and Rev. Aquin of this city has been invited to be the speaker of the evening at the festivities, but on account of his numerous engagements in his home city, he was forced to decline the invitation.

The workers of Lowell with the exception of the mail carriers, policemen, firemen and street car men will be given the whole day to rest and celebrate. All the mills closed at noon today not to reopen until Tuesday morning. The Lamson Store Service Co. closed its plant last evening until Tuesday morning. The stores and other places of business will also suspend operations during the entire day. The mail carriers, however, will make one delivery in the morning and if it is deemed necessary some of the carriers will make two or more deliveries.

There will be matinee and evening performances in all local theatres.

"The Man She Loved" will be presented at the Lowell Opera House, vaudeville at B. F. Keith's musical comedy at the Academy of Music and motion picture programs in all other houses.

The Holiday Bill

The bill making New Year's a legal holiday was introduced in the legislature by Rep. Henri Achin of this city for the first time, in 1914. At that time there was a tie vote in the lower house and Speaker Cushing killed the bill by voting against it. The following year the bill went through the lower house, but was killed in the senate by a majority of 8. This year the bill was presented in the form of a referendum and was carried by a large margin.

The sweeping majority was a great victory for the Lowell legislators who secured the efforts of Rep. Achin in pushing the bill through. Massachusetts was the last state in the union to make New Year's a legal holiday.

and John T. King. Among the floral offerings were: Philby, wreath and spray from family, and Mrs. Emma R. Wain, Elizabeth A. Clara E. William, Frederick George and Charles Wain, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Haslam, Mr. Mauney, Mrs. Loring, Mrs. Gunther, Mrs. Hoyte, Mrs. Sallou, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. and Mrs. William McBride, John Baker, the grandchildren, John T. King, St. Elizabeth's guild, St. Anne's church, burning room of Talbot mill, Chamberlain, Mrs. and Mrs. James Spencer, Mrs. and Mrs. Oscar Spencer, Clover club, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Lord and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Scherer. Burial was in the family lot in the Edison cemetery, where the burial service was read by Rev. Mr. Doggett. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers Young & Blake.

Dance with Div. 8, A.O.H., New Year's.

INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES UPHELD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Increased freight rates, averaging 13 cents a ton on bituminous and channel coal from western Pennsylvania to Rochester and New York and New England points were today found justified by the interstate commerce commission.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Elliott H. Binsen of Fordham university won the national indoor junior tennis championship by defeating Henry B. O'Hoyne of Georgetown university in the final today, 6-1, 7-5, 6-2.

Willard Botsford and Rowland B. Haines, Columbia university, won the doubles title, defeating Francis W. Hopkins and E. L. Hopkins, Yale university, 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

FUNERALS

LOVEJOY.—The funeral of Rev. Geo. E. Lovejoy, a former secretary of the Lowell Y.M.C.A., was held Thursday from his home in Lawrence. Services were conducted at the South Congregational church, Lawrence, at 1 o'clock and were attended by a large number of mourners, including several clergymen of the city. The services were in charge of Rev. Frederick A. Wilson, pastor of the Free church, Andover, while Rev. C. H. Oliphant of the First Congregational church of Andover delivered the eulogy.

At the conclusion of the services the body was brought to the Lowell cemetery and burial was in the family lot. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. A. C. Ferrin of the High Street Congregational church.

ELLIS.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Ellis was held from the home of her son, Herbert E. Ellis, High street, Chelmsford Centre, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. L. Lefroy Green, pastor of the Congregational church at Chelmsford Centre. Burial was in the family lot in the Grove cemetery at Belfast. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

WAIN.—The funeral services of John Wain took place at his home in North Billerica yesterday afternoon. Prayers were said at his home and services were held at St. Anne's Episcopal church. Rev. Walton H. Doggett, rector, officiated. St. Anne's church choir sang "Nearer My God to Thee," "Rock of Ages" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The bearers were Messrs. William, Frederick and George E. Wain

and John T. King. Among the floral offerings were: Philby, wreath and spray from family, and Mrs. Emma R. Wain, Elizabeth A. Clara E. William, Frederick George and Charles Wain, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Haslam, Mr. Mauney, Mrs. Loring, Mrs. Gunther, Mrs. Hoyte, Mrs. Sallou, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. and Mrs. William McBride, John Baker, the grandchildren, John T. King, St. Elizabeth's guild, St. Anne's church, burning room of Talbot mill, Chamberlain, Mrs. and Mrs. James Spencer, Mrs. and Mrs. Oscar Spencer, Clover club, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Lord and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Scherer. Burial was in the family lot in the Edison cemetery, where the burial service was read by Rev. Mr. Doggett. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers Young & Blake.

AGLIONE.—The funeral services of Mrs. Ida M. Aglione were held at her home, 233 Christian street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. A. C. Ferrin, pastor of the High Street Congregational church. A quartet composed of Miss Rita M. Thompson, Mrs. F. L. Roberts, Warren D. Reid and Edward E. Adams sang appropriate selections. The bearers were Messrs. Clarence Bana, John Sharpe, Fred Roberts and Lucien Hoyer. Burial was in the family lot in the Edison cemetery, where the burial service was read by Rev. Mr. Ferrin. The funeral was under the direction of Undertakers Young & Blake.

GOYETTE.—Funeral services for Edward Goyette were held last evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons, Rev. Appleton Thibault, rector of St. Anne's church, officiated. The body was taken to St. Patrick's cemetery.

BILLINGS.—The funeral of Percy Edmond Billings was held from his home, 233 Christian street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. W. P. Preston, pastor of the High Street Congregational church, at 1 o'clock and were attended by a large number of mourners, including several clergymen of the city. The services were in charge of Rev. Frederick A. Wilson, pastor of the Free church, Andover, while Rev. C. H. Oliphant of the First Congregational church of Andover delivered the eulogy.

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"Hill" from Mr. and Mrs. James H. Maguire, mammoth pillow, sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and Mrs. M. F. Kerton. A beautiful set, piece with clock, the hands pointing to the hour of her death inscribed "Shoppers" from the employees of the Highland Store and laundry, Mrs. Jones formerly worked; cross on base inscribed "Loving Daughter," from her mother, wreath on base inscribed "Our Mother," from Baby's nursery, large basket of flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Welch; spray from Mr. and Mrs. Perce Jones and sprays from Helen G. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Donnellan, Mr. and Mrs. Donahue, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Leonard Morris, Mrs. James Treadwell, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Deane. These floral tributes, and spiritual bouquets from Miss Mary Gallagher, Mrs. Mary Donnelly, Miss Katherine Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sheahan, Mrs. Mary Malloy, Mrs. Joseph Devine, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Donahue, Mrs. and Mrs. E. A. Teague, Misses Katherine and Annie Devine. These gifts from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Higgins of Peabody, the Maguire family from Somerville, Mr. Thomas Devine of Dorchester, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Moller of Boston, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. T. Franklin Wood, O.H.I. Funeral arrangements were in charge of James Maguire, under the direction of James H. McDermott.

FITZGERALD.—The funeral of Alexander Fitzgerald took place this morning at 8:30 o'clock from the funeral chapel of Charles H. Moller's Sons on Broadway street, and was largely attended. A funeral high mass was celebrated in St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock by Rev. Fr. Clayton. The body was placed on the 11:52 train and taken to Webster, Mass., where the burial took place in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery. The bearers were Messrs. James Charles William Masterson, Dennis Gillin and Anthony McMahon. The funeral was in charge of Charles H. Moller's Sons.

WROBROWSKI.—Joseph Wroblewski, aged 34 years, died Thursday at St. John's hospital. The body was removed to the home, 71 Front st.

BYRNE.—James A. Byrne died yesterday at his home, 218 Central street, aged 61 years. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Matthew O'Donnell of Brookline and a brother, Michael Byrne of this city. The body was taken to the rooms of Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons.

BROWN.—Mrs. Mary P. Brown died yesterday in Pelham, N. H., aged 65 years. She leaves one daughter, Susan Brown of Chelmsford, and two sons, John Tewksbury of Lowell and Mrs. Orlis Gray of Centre Farmstead, N. H. The body was taken to the rooms of Undertakers Young & Blake in this city.

CROWLEY.—The funeral of the late Thomas Crowley took place Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from the chapel of James P. O'Donnell & Sons. A mass of requiem will be sung at St. Patrick's church, the time will be held at St. Peter's church at 3 o'clock for the repose of the soul. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

YOUNG.—Mrs. Margaret Young, a well

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known and highly respected resident of this city and a member of St. Peter's parish died this morning at her late home, 57 Rogers street, aged 66 years. The remains were removed to the funeral chambers of Higgins Bros.

BENT.—Ferdinand A. Bent, aged 80 years, died last night at the Chelmsford street hospital. The deceased was listed at Billerica, Mass., April 22, 1841, with company C, 4th regiment, Mass. infantry for three months and was discharged on July 22, 1861, returning to Lowell. He joined company C of the 6th regiment. The body was removed to the funeral chapel of Undertakers Simmons and Brown.

ABISH.—William, aged 5 months, died today at the home of the parents, Asah and Marguerite Abish, 139 Cushing street.

MASS NOTICE
There will be a month's mind mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Della Quenly next Wednesday morning at 8:45 o'clock at St. Patrick's church.

MASS NOTICE
There will be an anniversary high mass at St. Michael's church Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock for the repose of the soul of John J. Tracy.

FUNERAL NOTICES

BYRNE.—The funeral of James A. Byrne will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the parlors of Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons. Services will be held at St. Peter's church at 3 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery.

BENT.—Died in this city, Dec. 29, at the Chelmsford street hospital, Mr. Ferdinand Bent, aged 80 years. Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Undertakers Simmons & Brown on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. Burial in charge of Undertakers Simmons & Brown in charge.

BALOS.—The funeral of Peter Balos will take place Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the parlors of C. H. Moller's Sons. Services at the Greek church at 2 o'clock. Burial in Westlawn cemetery. C. H. Moller's Sons in charge of funeral arrangements.

BROWN.—Died in Pelham, N. H., Dec. 29, Mary F. Brown, aged 65 years. Funeral services will be held from the rooms of Undertakers Young & Blake Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Burial at Billerica, Mass.

CRAWFORD.—Died in this city, Dec. 29, at 27 Varnum avenue, Margaret C. Crawford, aged 31 years, 3 months, 5 days. Funeral services will be held from the funeral home of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck, 16 Market street, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 31, at 2:30 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice. Burial in charge of Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck.

CROWLEY.—The funeral of the late Thomas Crowley will take place Sunday morning at 11 o'clock from the chapel of James P. O'Donnell & Sons. A mass of requiem will be sung at St. Patrick's church, the time will be held at St. Peter's church at 3 o'clock for the repose of the soul. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

DOLAN.—The funeral of the late John J. Dolan will take place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his home, 461 Broadway. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery. A mass of requiem will be sung Friday morning, January 5, at 8:45, at St. Patrick's church. Undertaker James P. O'Donnell & Sons in charge.

FULLERTON.—Died Dec. 29, in this city, Mrs. Maria P. Howard, aged 50 years, 9 mos. and 20 days, at her home, 128 Myrtle street. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Myrtle street Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All friends are invited without further notice. Burial will be in Reading, Mass. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

KAYE.—Died in this city, Dec. 28, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Francis Carman, 533 Lakeview avenue, Joshua Kaye, aged 78 years, and 1 month. Funeral services will be held at the home, 533 Lakeview avenue on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

MACALDIN.—Died in this city, Dec. 28, at the home of her nephew, 33 Viola street, Elizabeth Macaladin, aged 82 years. Funeral services will be held from the home of her niece, Mary J. Macaladin, 21 Sixth avenue, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

PENNEL.—Died in this city, Dec. 28, at her home, 553 Bridge street, Anne L. Pennell. Funeral services will be held from her home, 553 Bridge street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Burial in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

REGAN.—Died, Dec. 28th, in this city, Mrs. Clara M. Regan, aged 45 years, 7 mos. and 25 days, at her home, 17 Juniper street. Funeral services Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

SCANLON.—The funeral of Thomas P. Scanlon will take place Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock from his late home, 34 Pearl street. High mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

YOUNG.—The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Young will take place Monday morning at 11 o'clock from the funeral chambers of Higgins Bros, Lawrence street. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. There will be a high mass of requiem Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock from St. Peter's church at 3 o'clock for the repose of the soul. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

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OUR INCOME TAX LAWS

The state income tax law goes into effect with the opening of the new year and is a matter which must be attended to by all concerned as heavy penalties are provided for neglect.

The law is very complicated in some of its features, although Mr. Joseph E. Perry, the income tax assessor for Middlesex county, and his deputy, J. H. Gilbride, at the meeting in Middlesex hall on Thursday evening, made the leading features of the act as clear as any explanation could make them. The report published in yesterday's Sun should, therefore, be studied by all those interested so that nobody may incur the penalties of the law.

Those who have taxable incomes of any kind are required to file their statements before March 1, 1917. Persons who are in doubt as to whether the law applies to them should consult either Mr. Perry or Mr. Gilbride at once so that all risk of incurring the penalties of the law may be avoided.

Any person who receives any income from taxable stocks, bonds or money at interest or from taxable sources, such as annuities and stock market transactions, is required to file a return of his income. Any person receiving an income of \$2000 or over from business, trade, profession or employment must also file a statement of such income with the proper authorities. The amount of the tax varies with the nature of the income and ranges from one and a half per cent. to six per cent., but there are many deductions and exemptions which make the law one of the most intricate pieces of legislation placed upon the statute books of this commonwealth for many years.

The penalties fixed for evasion or neglect to comply with the provisions of the law range from a fine of five dollars per day to a fine of \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than a year or by both such fine and imprisonment. One section of the law provides for distribution of the tax to the cities and towns. Here is the basis upon which the city's share shall be computed: The tax rate on personal property in 1915 will be applied to the total valuation of such property in 1917. The state will pay to the city the difference between this amount and the amount of the taxes produced by personal property in 1915. If any amount is left over after meeting these payments and the necessary expenses, it will be disbursed to cities and towns in proportion to the amount of their state tax in 1917.

The new law is expected to reach several billions of intangible property that up to the present has escaped taxation. Should the intent of the law in this respect be realized it will certainly prove highly beneficial to the municipalities of the commonwealth.

THE FEDERAL LAW

It should be remembered that the state income tax law, of which we have been speaking, has no connection whatsoever with the federal income tax law which is enforced by the federal authorities. Under this law every citizen of the United States, whether residing at home or abroad and every alien resident of the United States, shall pay a tax of one per cent. annually upon his or her entire net income in excess of \$3000 and under \$20,000. A like tax shall be paid by non-residents upon the entire net income from all property and of every business, trade or profession carried on in the United States.

The percentage of the tax increases with the amount of the income over \$20,000 until an income of \$500,000 is taxed nine per cent. and an income of \$1,500,000 up to \$2,000,000 pays twelve per cent. There is also a scale of taxes imposed on corporations, the normal rate being two per cent. The tax upon the transfer of estates of deceased persons is one per cent. for an estate valued not over \$50,000, the rate ascending by a graded scale until the tax reaches ten per cent. of the amount by which the estate exceeds \$500,000.

The collector of internal revenue, John F. Malley, with an office in Boston, collects this tax for this district.

This law was passed in 1913 and is a democratic measure intended to reach those best able to pay.

THE PEACE TALK

Henceforth President Wilson will keep silent upon rumors relative to peace in Europe. He has apparently been misunderstood in many cases. Now that Germany is to make known to him confidentially the terms upon which she would welcome peace, he cannot afford to be interviewed in reference thereto lest he might be placed in the attitude of divulging state secrets. The president has apparently started a peace move which is likely to bring the belligerents together in the long run and finally to result in the termination of the war.

The nations at war are daily becoming more nearly exhausted. Germany has reached the limit of her resources or else she would not be so ready to make peace and she may soon reach the conclusion that to secure peace she will have to yield a great deal more than she is willing to concede at the present time.

Food riots are starting in some parts of the empire showing that the supply is very short. But for the supplies from Rumania, Bulgaria and Turkey, the Germans could not have held out so long. There is a very strict censorship in force in the central powers so that the outside world does not know much of what is going on there.

In spite of all obstacles, however, Germany is maintaining her fighting strength at the various fronts so that she holds back the entente allies with wonderful success. How long she will be able to do this or what the new drives planned by the entente will amount to, remains to be seen. The cost of continuing the war is so enormous that it may lead the allies to cut down their demands to a considerable extent but each wants some concession, if not satisfaction, for the past while all want absolute security for the future.

IN RETROSPECT

For Lowell a review of the past year is full of events upon which our city may well celebrate itself. In the center of municipal progress, the work

accomplished is very satisfactory. Every department at city hall can show good results. The city's water supply is now excellent as a result of the filtration plant installed, while our fire department during the year was successful in saving the city from serious losses, although many alarms came from the dangerous districts.

The past year brought no murder to disgrace the name of our city and generally there has been an absence of serious lawlessness of any kind.

In business the conditions have been the most prosperous in our history, a fact that is vouchsafed for in the absence of unemployed and the well being of the masses. Nobody who wanted work had any difficulty in finding it, while the rate of wages paid in every industry has been the highest in our history. This was due no doubt to the high cost of living and the fact that the prices of all manufactured products were pushed up by the general tendency of the times.

At the present time our industries are still prosperous and our city will enter upon the New Year with excellent prospects of success in every line of business activity. The prospect of making the Merrimack river navigable was never so bright and this will doubtless engage the attention of our citizens to a greater extent during the coming year.

THE SALARY GRAB

That was a salary grab pure and simple which was put through at city hall yesterday over the protest and vote of Mayor O'Donnell. The principal increases apparently go to the officials with a pull, some of whom are already receiving more than they are worth and for whom an advance seems but a raid on the treasury. If any increase is given to the police depart-

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ment it should go to the patrolmen who are the lowest paid in the state. If the increase which they now ask were granted, they would still be paid lower than the patrolmen of Lawrence and Fall River, the two cities which with Lowell pay their patrolmen lower than the other cities of the state.

It is to be hoped that the new commissioners will stand by Mayor O'Donnell in preventing this eleventh hour raid upon the treasury. If it can be blocked by legal means.

SPRINGFIELD HONORED

The city of Springfield is to be congratulated upon being selected to have one of the twelve Farm Loan banks to be located in different parts of the country. The selection is a good one as Springfield is a city of the right character for such an institution. The establishment will mean much to Springfield as it will make it a great financial center for New England, New York and New Jersey. It will make Springfield more than ever deserving of her distinguishing title, the City of Homes.

THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

The Sun in observance of our first New Year holiday will suspend all editions on Monday. We sincerely hope the holiday will be fully enjoyed by all and that for our beloved city, it will mark the opening of another prosperous year. To Sun readers we wish health, happiness and prosperity for the coming year.

"Scrapping for positions" is the order of things at city hall. The positions may soon be filled but the scrapping is likely to continue through the year.

It is understood that the New Year resolutions this year will stretch from the night before well into the day after.

Seen and Heard

We may be short on Lowell boosters, but we have salary boosters galore.

Don't forget that the easiest thing in the world is to invite your own undoing.

The Germans want peace. That's what they wanted when they started, but they spelled it "piece" then, and it meant a piece of everything in sight.

Nature Study

Anna's sly and sneaky ways
Made simple Susan ponder;
And it took her many days
To learn that Anna cooed her.

—Springfield Union.

Mama was very fond of Al
Until he called her skinny,
And then she told her girl friend
That she thought Al a Guinea.

Keeping Up With Father

It was a Pike county woman who indited a note to the teacher concerning the punishment of her young hopeful. The note ran thus:

"Dear Miss —: You rite me about whippin' Sunny. I hereby give you permission to beat him up any time it is necessary to learn his lesson. He is just like his fether—you have to learn him with a club. Found nole in him. I want him to get it and don't pay no attention what his fether says—I'll handle him."—Reading Eagle.

Hopper and Whopper

Chairman Hay of the house military committee was talking about industrial preparedness. "Our bill for industrial preparedness," he said, "will do a lot, but it won't take the place of an army and navy. There has been exaggerated talk about this bill—talk that reminds me of the Arizona man. In a dry, dusty region of Arizona a tourist said to a dry, dusty native: 'Doesn't it ever rain here in Arizona?' 'Rain?' said the native. 'Rain? Why, stranger we got bullfrogs in Arizona over eight years old that hain't learned to swim yet.'—Washington Star.

Telephone Topics

The current issue of "Telephone Topics" gives the following instance of "Service First" on the local exchange. "During a recent automobile trip a Worcester subscriber stopped at a store between Lowell and Lawrence and purchased gasoline. Before leaving he gave the proprietor a box for destruction, thinking the contents worthless. When he arrived home he found that the box had contained a letter from his wife."—Lowell Sun.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.
Spanking does not cure children of bad habits. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.

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verware. About 9:30 o'clock in the evening he called the toll operator and asked her to find this store, if possible. He could not remember the name of the store nor its location. The supervisor of the Lowell, Lawrence and Fall River, the two cities which with Lowell pay their patrolmen lower than the other cities of the state.

With the Firemen

Few people other than those who have occasion to visit the firehouses throughout the city realize the amount of work that the firemen do to benefit the department and save the city's money. The department is made up of all classes of mechanics and tradesmen and when it comes to making repairs, etc., considerable money is saved the city each year by the firemen. Many people are of the opinion that when there are no fires the members of the department are enjoying themselves, but let them visit one of the houses and as a general rule it will be found that one or more of the men are doing something which is along the line of improvement. Instead of sending automobile apparatus to one of the garages when something goes wrong there are enough mechanics who understand the machines from the radiator to the rear tires and it matters not whether it is the loosening of bolts, the welding of a part, or anything else, as a general rule the firemen are able to do the work.

All kinds of machine and lathe work is done by the firemen, repairs are made and many ingenious inventions assist in the workings of the department.

Trifling as it may seem, the conversation with the operator on the telephone switchboard noticed varicolored plugs inserted on a board on the right of the switchboard. One colored plug represents the engines, another the trucks, a third the hose wagons and one lone plug the protective company. In case any of these pieces of apparatus are out exercising or away from the station, word is telephoned to the central fire station and the plug which represents the piece of apparatus is removed. As soon as the apparatus returns the plug is inserted so the station knows whether or not the different pieces of apparatus are at the station. In the event of a telephone alarm being sent in if the pieces of apparatus which are supposed to be at the station are out the operator dispatches other apparatus. This system was inaugurated by Thomas F. Conway, phone inspector at the central fire station, and has proved to be very valuable in saving time and probably much property damage.

Ring Out Wild Bells

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
Flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is going, let him go,
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go,
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind;
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out, our mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing walls of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kinder hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Alfred Tennyson.

They Do Say

That leap year is ready to take its leap.

That the track season will be on in a few days.

That the ice men are becoming optimistic again.

That the call of the Thrift club had a fine response.

That one should be careful of the slippery sidewalks.

That air rifles and mischievous boys are a bad mixture.

That no man has ever heard both sides of all stories.

That the Violas proved good entertainers last evening.

That the sand men skipped many bad places on their way.

That when a fellow pays for steam heat he expects to get it.

That the fire loss in Lowell this year was exceptionally low.

That a touch of the telephone has made the whole world akin.

That we are preparing to usher in the new year in a new way.

That if you can't look the world in the face it's your own fault.

That no house plant grows more easily or quickly than a grouch.

That there's not much time left for the making of good resolutions.

That the Small trial is receiving large space in the newspapers.

That the New Year holiday bill will not go into effect until next year.

That many people are making resolutions for the new year. Some of them—resolutions, not the people—will not last long.

That life and health and youth and good nature are worth all the gold of the Indies.

That the man who knows it all can anticipate what you are going to say. Let him tell you.

That some of the administrative officers at city hall will receive a fine New Year's gift.

That persons who advertise steam-heated rooms and let refrigerators ought to be locked up.

That many of the sport fans are wishing there would be a revival of roller polo in this city.

That the contractors and some of the old fellows have been enjoying skating the past few days.

That the city ordinance for the removal of some of the sidewalks also applies to the removal of ice.

That it looks as though the people of this town would have to do without a new bridge for a few years.

That the new holiday will be enjoyed by many while others would prefer to work and not lose the day's pay.

That Market Street from Central to

the police station is a great place these days to test automobile tires.

That it is now Treasurer John H. Murphy of the Morris Loan Co. and Secretary Bolger of the board of trade.

Y.M.C.A. REUNION

A reunion of the Y.M.C.A. members who spent part of their vacations at the summer camp this year was held in the association building last evening. Supper was served after which the following program was presented:

Solo, "They're on Their Way," B.A.R. chorus by campers; "He's Only a Soldier," "Will You Wait, Little Girl," "America, I Love You," "Arrah, O' On," "Rocky Road to Dublin," "Quaker Maid," "Good Old Summer Time," "Sweet Cider Time," "Mandy Pat," "Perfect Day," solo from Camp Monomet, "Caroline," "Henry Ford," finale, by Dana Hart and entire body of campers, "Don't Bury the Band That's Feeding You," "Star Spangled Banner."

Money deposited in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank on or before Saturday, January 6th, will bear interest from that day.

SAYS HIGH PRICES DUE TO UNLAWFUL ACTS

EVIDENCE OF EXPLOITATION OF PUBLIC FOUND BY ANDERSON—PROFIT OF \$150 ON CARLOAD OF COAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—After a conference here yesterday of federal district attorneys from Maine to West Virginia, who are investigating the high cost of living, a statement was issued by George W. Anderson of Boston, in charge of the government's inquiry into food and fuel prices, declaring that "business men who hold or detain cars unnecessarily and unfairly are under just suspicion."

"If it is found," the statement said, "that such detention is a part of a combination to create scarcity, enhance prices and share the profits, we do not believe that juries will look with lenient eyes on such action."

Explaining that the attorneys had met to consider the best way of enforcing the law in the public interest, Mr. Anderson added: "We have spent a long day of hard work on this task. It is a repeat to say that there is evidence that some of the peak high prices in various parts of the country—I do not now indicate where—are due to unlawful acts."

"Evidence has been discovered that there has been exploitation of the public and of dealers making \$150 a carload on coal when \$50 is a normal profit."

"The conference has approved of the methods already under way in New England of systematic co-operation with the railroads to ascertain who are responsible for the unnecessary detention of cars, either by abuse of recon-signers or producers, or by failure to

unload within a reasonable time after delivery at destination.

"The economic base of a large part of the present high prices is beyond the control of the department of justice and local authorities, housekeepers' associations and women's clubs have each their duty to perform."

"I direct attention to the work of fundamental permanence and construction done by the departments of agriculture and commerce in these lines of high prices, when economy, efficiency and the substitution of cheaper foods for the more expensive are desirable for all except the more wealthy."

MUST STAMP EACH EGG

New York Judge Sustains the Order Dealing With Products in Cold Storage

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A decision sustaining John J. Dillon, state commissioner of foods and markets, in his order directing dealers to stamp each cold storage egg, was handed down yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Fiske. The court made permanent, pending trial of the issues involved, a temporary injunction restraining several large dealers from selling unstamped eggs.

The court held that unless storage eggs are stamped when they are removed from the original packages, their identity becomes so lost that unless the individual egg is marked, all trace of its character is lost.

ALARM ABOUT GASOLINE

Standard Oil Expert Sees Only 138 Years More Production of the Crude Oil

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A note of alarm as the gasoline supply of the country was sounded at the convention of the Society of Agricultural Engineers here yesterday by Dr. Oscar E. Bransky of the Standard Oil company.

The said production was not keeping pace with consumption and that exhaustion of the supply was drawing near. He estimated the remaining supply of crude oil, visible and invisible, at 7,629,000,000 barrels in all, would last 138 years longer at the 1916 rate of consumption of 55,000,000 barrels.

Dr. Bransky said next year there will be 3,000,000 automobiles in operation in the United States or 75,000 more than this year. He estimated that eastern oilfields are 75 per cent. exhausted, midfields 80 per cent. and the California fields 35 per cent. exhausted.

RUN OVER AND KILLED

Wheels Passed Over Body of Cornelius Crowley, Who Fell From His Wagon in Charlestown

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—While driving a wagon on the Prison Point bridge, Charlestown yesterday afternoon, Cornelius Crowley, aged 62, of 185 Main street, Charlestown, fell from his seat and the wheels passed over his body.

He had complained of feeling ill to his foreman, Alvin M. Bicknell, of the Eastern Soil company.

Mr. Crowley was assisted into an automobile owned by Isaac Young of 62 Johnson avenue, Winthrop, and taken to the Relief hospital. He was

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. 50c, \$1.00

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examined by Dr. Fraser at the hospital and was pronounced dead. His body was removed to the Northern District morgue. His son is a member of engine #7, Charlestown.

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SUN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDERS' PAGE

ING BUILDING BOOM FOR WEST CENTRALVILLE

West Centralville is due for another building boom and again Jacques is responsible for the erection of a great number of buildings in that locality. Mr. Boisvert has a proposition to erect over two scores of houses. Mr. Boisvert has plans for the erection of five dwellings for the present, at an aggregate cost of \$7,000, the new buildings to be constructed in Ferry lane and high street in the vicinity of West street fire station.

The buildings, their descriptions and here they will be located are as follows: At 19 High street, an eight-room house with bath, 25 feet square and 2 1/2 stories high; cost, \$1700. At

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DECREASE AT BOSTON IN IMMIGRATION

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—In the report of the commissioner general of immigration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, copies of which have just been received, the following reference is made to immigration at the port of Boston:

"Contrary to the general impression the reduction in immigration due to the European war has not caused a corresponding decrease in the work of the record for the year showing a considerable increase in some branches of our business.

"Figures show a decrease in the number of arrivals at all ports in this district except Providence, which shows an increase of more than 50 per cent. Of the 19,321 alien immigrants applying for admission at New England ports during the year, 19,855 were admitted.

"Although 1930 immigrants were held for boards of special inquiry after the first examination, only 275 were rejected. In addition, 170 returning hostlers were examined at Boston.

"Inability of the government, owing to the war, to effect within three years from date of entry, the expulsion of immigrants subject to deportation, and lack of adequate appropriations for enforcing those provisions of law relating to the white slave traffic, has prevented the expulsion of an indefinite number of women and girls who should be returned to the countries whence they came.

"A total of 524 seamen applied for admission, one of whom was rejected, of this number 501 came from German steamers war-bound in Boston, many of whom found occupation ashore through this office. Escaped seamen to the number of 201 are recorded for this district.

"Of the 51 stowaways who arrived in this district, 21 were admitted and 30 deported. Several stowaways admitted were German soldiers who escaped from military prisons in France. They

not involve heavy expense. The men could be weighed, their temperature taken, their eyes examined, and a summary judgment formed of their actual health. The rating as to fitness must of course depend upon experimental tests. However, in a large majority of instances the attestation of the manager or superintendent under whom the workers were placed would afford the most conclusive evidence as to their degree of fitness.

"There has been no outbreak of disease in the station which, as previously reported, cannot be kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition owing to the type of construction. It is again recommended that favorable action be taken upon the measures pending before congress for an increase in the limit of cost for the new station."

"I am aware," the alderman says, "of what the three new members have been doing and, as they constitute a majority of the municipal council, they can carry their plans out. I will not attend any conference held singly to ratify what has already been framed up."

"They have parcelled out the assignments for the members for next year and, as I understand it, Alderman-elect Hutchins will take charge of the street department, of which I have had charge for six years, and Alderman-elect Root will succeed Alderman Hoy as the commissioner of public safety.

"The present form of government was adopted in 1908 as its proponents claimed that changes prevailed in the management of municipal affairs; yet the Good Government association was formed to obtain control next year and, even though that organization did not

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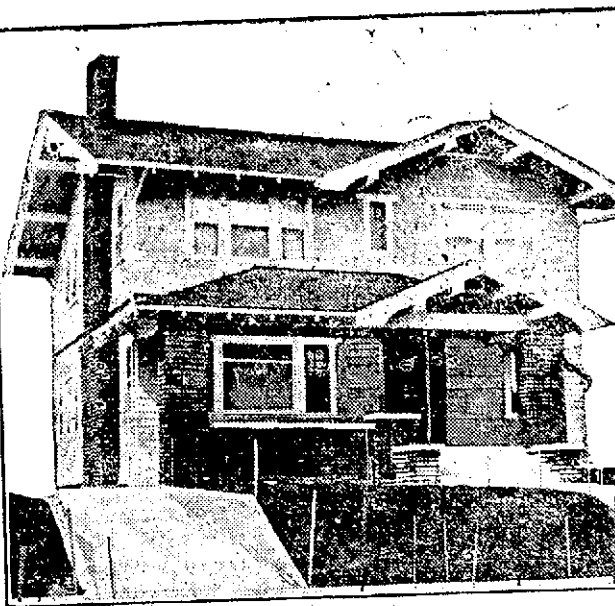
Mayor Albert L. Bartlett has said he will not attend the inaugural exercises Monday, not wishing to "embarrass his successor."

It was announced last night that ex-chairman of the assessors, to succeed P. J. Fitzgerald. Mayor-elect Morse and Alderman Root and Hutchins last night agreed on the choice of ex-Senator Morse and later Alderman Hoyt said he would support him.

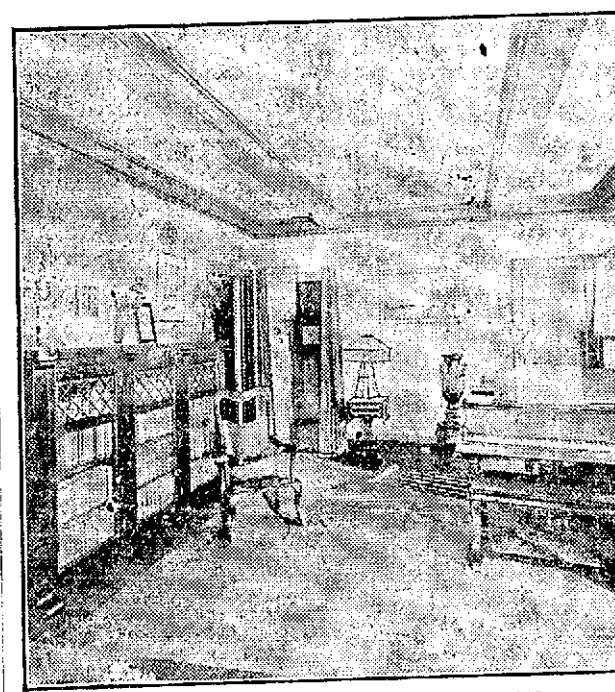
The regular meeting of Centralville Rebekah lodge, No. 137, was held Thursday night, Noble Grand Carolynne Crozier presiding. There was a large attendance and considerable routine business was transacted. The degree was conferred on several and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Elizabeth Wells, noble; Marie Shaw, vice grand; Margaret Crosby, recording secretary; Bessie Merrill, financial secretary; Alice Esaubrook, treasurer.

There will be a joint installation of officers of James A. Garfield Post, 155, G.A.R., and James A. Garfield Post, 33, Women's relief corps, on Monday evening, January 4. The ceremony will be public and all are invited.

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PERSPECTIVE VIEW—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH



INTERIOR VIEW—LIVING ROOM

The view is from a photograph of a well planned living room. It has the beamed ceiling, the three high windows on one side and good wall space for large pieces of furniture. On one side is a fireplace which is not shown in the photograph. Cost to build about \$600, exclusive of heating and plumbing.

stories high, 25 by 48 feet; each tenement will have five rooms with bath and bath and the cost of the buildings will be \$3500 for each.

Samuel Scott has taken out a permit from the office of the inspector for buildings at city hall this week for interior alterations at 324-328 Middlesex street. An addition in the form of an ell, 7 feet by 21 feet, will be built to the property and accordingly 15 rooms will be added to the second and third stories of the building. The first floor of the ell will contain stores.

REAL ESTATE DEALERS
Thos. H. Elliott
Thos. H. Elliott, offices 64 Central street, corner Prescott, reports the following sales negotiated during the past week ending Friday, Dec. 29th:
Final papers have been passed in the transfer of the Oliver H. Perry

homestead, situated at 232 Nesmith street, in the Belvidere section. The house is large and of a very substantial character. It has twelve rooms, is heated by hot water and lighted with electricity. There is an excellent stable and garage on the premises. The land involved in the transfer approximates 22,000 square feet laid out to most attractive grounds. The assessment is at the rate of 20 cents per foot and totals on land and buildings \$10,000. The sale is effected on behalf of the Boston State Deposit and Trust Co., executor of the estate of the late Mr. Perry, the grantee being the Rev. Alfred Rodman Hussey who purchases on behalf of the First Unitarian church for parsonage purposes.

The contracts have been closed on the purchase and sale of an attractive residential parcel situated near School street in the Highlands section. The house is of the full two and one-half story type with nine rooms and a bath. The heat is by steam and the property and amounts to 7500 square feet, the assessment being at the rate of 10 cents per foot and totalling \$2500 on land and buildings. The transfer is negotiated on behalf of a local business man, the purchaser buying for a home.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS
For the Week Ending Dec. 29
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Mary A. Reynolds est. by admr. to John J. O'Brien, land and buildings on Central street.
Charles P. Wilham et ux. to Ethel F. Burrows, land on Putnam ave.
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H. Irvine Keyser et ux. to W. Irvine Keyser, land on Mansur, Belmont, Whitman, Fairview, Byrd and Hovey sts. and Shirley and Belmont aves.
Clara Roarke to Christopher Columbus Italian Mutual Aid society, Lowell, land and buildings corner Chapel and Colon sts.
Wilfred J. Lincolnt est. by admr. to William J. Trudeau et al., land and buildings corner Fourth avenue and Crawford st.
Annie Blatterly et al. to Chas. Alford et ux., land and buildings on Arlington st.
Anita Zucker et al. to William J. Higgins et ux., land and buildings corner Sheldon and Gates sts.
James C. Dowd et ux. to Michael M. Quenely, land and buildings on Klismann st.
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John Smith et ux. to E. Gaston Campbell, land and buildings on Fayette st.
James H. Sullivan est. by admr. to Bennett Silverblatt, land and buildings corner Market and Fenwick sts.
Nicholas Caruso to Christos Kazanas, land and buildings on Perry and Concord sts.
Eugene C. Woodcock et ux. to Ann Jane Macdonald, land and buildings on Troy st. and Putnam ave.
Maria E. Smith et al. to Charles F. Wilham, land on Hoyt ave.
Wendeline Webster est. by admr. to William J. Lambert, land and buildings on Middlesex st.
Helen E. Duff et al. to George F. Strahan, land and buildings on Walkway st.
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INCREASE IN MARINE INSURANCE RATES
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Marine insurance rates today showed another increase. Underwriters quoted 6 to 8 per cent for insuring cargoes bound for ports of the United Kingdom and 10 per cent to Mediterranean ports. A few days ago these rates stood at 5 to 8 per cent.

The advance was attributed to reports that the Lamport and Holt line Voltaire, long overdue, had been captured by Germans and was preying on allied freighters in the North Atlantic and to the fact that several trans-Atlantic steamers are now overdue on both sides of the ocean.

Although the Voltaire, from Liverpool to New York is 14 days behind her schedule, representatives of the line here said they had not given up hope and should not do so until they heard definitely that their vessel had been lost. It was pointed out that several steamships are taking from 23 to 28 days to cross from British and French ports, and from Genoa and Marseilles they have been as long as 28 days out.

Maritime underwriters admit that they have sustained heavy losses, particularly during the months of September, October and November last. They say, however, that no company has been seriously crippled because the risks usually have been well distributed.

STRIKERS IN PARADE
Wood-Heel Workers March Haverhill
Streets and Afterward Add Thirty to Ranks in Newburyport
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The 26 manufacturers formed the Wood-Heel Manufacturers' association and offered the following scale of wages to take effect Jan. 1. Turners, \$17.50; setters, \$18.75; graders, \$17; groovers, \$17.50; and sawyers and concavers, \$17.50.

The union appointed a committee of six to meet a like committee from the manufacturers' association yesterday afternoon, but the manufacturers' committee did not appear.

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SUN'S SATURDAY LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

Special to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—After stirring up a hornet's nest which agitated the capital from one end to the other, Congressman A. P. Gardner took a train for his Massachusetts home. The Gardner bolt on the candidacy of James R. Mann—who is the logical candidate for the speakership of the next house—will be far-reaching, whether or not the Massachusetts man finds a large following in his district from party rules. The house will be practically a tie between the two great parties and neither can afford to lose even one vote if they hope to succeed along party lines. More than that, it is possible Mr. Gardner may have a few followers when voting time comes, for there are many men, who, under vigorous leadership, would stay in line rather than attempt to lead. And Mr. Gardner is nothing if not a vigorous leader whenever he bolts and jumps the party reservation. He has seldom succeeded in bringing about his proposed changes, but has often broken party lines to such an extent that party success has been made impossible. Anyway Mr. Gardner's revolt, because Mr. Mann upheld the president's peace note, has made a lot of complications that must be smoothed out if a republican speaker is to have even the chance of a chance of election in the 66th congress. There is a rumor to the effect that Mr. Gardner's bolt had the sanction of Col. Roosevelt, but that must be taken merely as a rumor, at this moment.

Few and Far Between
Congressional people have been as far this week as white blackbirds, for practically everyone went home for holiday recess and will not return until congress reconvenes on Tuesday next. The wheels will begin to turn rapidly and it is intimated that the democrats will oil their steam roller ready for emergency use but that they are quite likely to pull together and succeed by middle methods. Whether the republican breach caused by the Gardner defection will widen or be healed by the time the session ends in March is problematical. Mr. Mann's friends claim it will blow over; Mr. Gardner's friends seem to think they have the bull by the horns and will secure a progressive republican speaker or none at all. Over in the senate the republican leaders are not overjoyed at the prospect of Gov. Johnson of California joining their progressive ranks and there is but little doubt but what the newly elected California senator will not return until March 1st ready to take his oath and take part in the session of the senate which immediately follows an inauguration for the specific purpose of confirming cabinet officers, members of the diplomatic corps and others whose appointments were made necessary by the incoming of a president for a new term.

There is a rumor going the rounds, and which apparently started in democratic circles, to the effect that the congress will repeal the eight hour law, which bridged over the threatened strike last September. That would allow the contending parties to get together on a compromise agreement without bringing into the fight a possible decision from the supreme court that the action of congress was unconstitutional.

Very Hard Task
There has been a good deal of comment and praise accorded the suggestions recently made by Senator Weeks regarding the steps that are necessary to bring the republican party back to success in 1920. Mr. Weeks summed up the situation by criticising the lack of team work on the national committee and in congress. He also advocated that the chairman of the state national committee and select the national chairman instead of leaving the choice of national chairman in the hands of the presidential candidate. Mr. Weeks pointed out that a lack of team work in the national campaign has been made impossible. Anyway Mr. Mann upheld the president's peace note, has made a lot of complications that must be smoothed out if a republican speaker is to have even the chance of a chance of election in the 66th congress. There is a rumor to the effect that Mr. Gardner's bolt had the sanction of Col. Roosevelt, but that must be taken merely as a rumor, at this moment.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The British freight steamer Chicago City from Bristol, Eng., Dec. 11, was fired on and stopped by a German submarine Dec. 14 when about 140 miles off Fastnet, according to a report of the crew on her arrival here today.

The Chicago City was saved from being sunk by the timely appearance of a British destroyer attracted by the firing. Two shots were fired by the submarine, the men said, the first passing over the ship amidships at a height of about 25 feet and the other just missing her bow. Captain Crinks stopped the vessel and with the submarine about a half mile away boats were lowered and the men were already getting into them when the destroyer hove into sight.

The submarine is described as being of a new type, more than 200 feet long and painted dead black. Two guns were mounted on her deck. It was evident she was maneuvering into a position from which to discharge a torpedo when the destroyer was seen, the crew said, and she immediately abandoned her work, veered about and soon sunk into sight.

The crew of the Chicago City went back on board their vessel, signalled the destroyer they were all right and received orders to proceed immediately on their course. The last seen of the destroyer, she was circling about the place where the submarine disappeared.

Acting under recent orders of the British admiralty officers of the ship refused to discuss the incident.

The Chicago City had a small cargo.

wear, things to blow, things to whistle, to foot and even drums to beat all trimmed with glittering tinsel and scarlet blossoms the capital has taken on the semblance of some unknown country but a country in which the holiday spirit predominates.

There are more than one hundred thousand negroes in Washington and apparently not one of them has the slightest intention of hiding his light under a bushel during the holidays. Although the temperature hovered close to 50° small fires crackled at every street corner and in the market place. Crowded around them were scores of little darkies warming their bare toes and tooting lustily on penny horns, for to the average small black boy Christmas is simply Fourth of July on a bigger scale and with more noise. And there is not an old work horse or mule in the city that isn't wearing a sprig of green and a bit of red in his forelock while his darky driver is likewise dolled up to fit the occasion. Street cars are perambulating poultry yards for frugal marketers, both men and women, carry home live fowl dangling by the heels; if fowl have heels; and the struggling, squawking ducks, chickens and turkeys are close neighbors to the strap-hangers on crowded holiday cars.

Monkeys Climbing
Not long ago the public health service needed about a dozen monkeys, and which to make tests, experiments, and to find out the price of monkeys, like that of food stuff, leather and shoes had climbed skyward. Even at astonishing prices monkeys are no longer plentiful. Last year the price was \$8 each. This year it is \$18 each and only six were obtainable. Officials attribute the scarcity to the European animal parkers of Germany, which have hitherto been the principal source of supply.

Elaborate Inaugural
It is proposed to make the inauguration ceremonies and parade this year more elaborate than usual. In addition to the customary parade of military, naval and civic organizations, a historic pageant is to be made a part of the entertainment. It is expected the cost will be \$100,000 for the parade and of that sum one quarter is already raised. The pageant is to represent the country's advancement and history.

Recess Tuesday
Congress will convene on Tuesday next after a ten days recess. In the best three weeks of the session, before the holidays, five government supply bills were passed by the house and one by the senate which is an unusually good record for the before-recess session.

RICHARDS.

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ALWAY PROMOTED TO ACTIVE FIRE FORCE

District Chief Charles E. Alway, of 16 West Bowers street, who has been a member of the fire department since 1888, was yesterday promoted to the active force by Commissioner Newell P. Putnam. In one sense of the word this is really a new position and the increase in compensation will be over \$1000. He reported for duty this morning and for the present will cover the territory assigned to Engine 2 in Branch street and will also reside at that house.

Mr. Alway was appointed a substitute callman in 1888 and made a permanent callman the following year. In 1908 he was appointed



CHARLES E. ALWAY, District Chief.

assistant engineer but when the new charter was put in vogue he was made a district chief, but responded only to certain alarms. His salary as call district chief was but \$150 per year but the new position entitles him to \$1500.

District Chief Alway is one of the best fire fighters in the department and his promotion is one that has been expected for a long time. At the present time District Chiefs James C. Sullivan and Daniel H. Crowley each cover one-half of the city in cases of bell alarms, but in the near future it is expected that the recently appointed district chief will be provided with an automobile and the city will be divided into three sections, each district chief having certain bell alarms to respond to on the first call. In the case of a second or general alarm all of the assistant chiefs respond.

SHIPPING TRADE AFTER EUROPEAN WAR

DIRECTOR OF THE HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE GIVES HIS VIEWS

BERLIN, Dec. 29. (AP)—The director of the Hamburg-American steamship line, holds a view quite contrary to current opinion that the shipping trade will have a great and long continued boom after the end of the war. When the world's commercial fleets resume normal activity, Herr Ballin says, much more tonnage will be offered after a few months than will be demanded.

The reason assigned for this view is that ocean trade will suffer to a high degree from a shortage of goods for export, from high prices of raw materials and food supplies, and from unfavorable rates of foreign exchange.

"The question of how much less important than how far it will be necessary to impose restrictions on imports, in the transition period, in consideration of the exchange rate situation," said Herr Ballin.

While it is his opinion that restrictions may prove to be necessary in order to give preference to food and raw materials, he thinks it will be of great importance to Germany and Austria-Hungary to have the shipping companies resume unrestricted traffic as soon as possible.

SOMME BATTLE VICTORY FOR ALLIES, SAYS HAIG

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for allied arms in a detailed report by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig which was issued last night, and which covers operations from July 1 to Nov. 18. Gen. Haig terms the battle a triumph in which the German western armies were saved from complete collapse and a decisive defeat only by a protracted period of unfavorable weather which prevented the Anglo-French forces from taking full advantage of their successful advance.

He declares that, nevertheless, it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the allies to "overthrow Germany when the time comes." The British commander shows himself a firm believer in the doctrine that the allies can win the war on the western front.

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FIND DR. ADAMS KILLED HERSELF

Judge Palmer Files Report of Inquest Finding

Dr. Atwood Freed of Blame for Death of Woman Osteopath

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Dr. Elbridge D. Atwood, an osteopath, awaiting trial for the murder of Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, another osteopath physician, at the Hotel Westminster, July 18, last, has been absolved of blame in connection with the death of Dr. Celia Paine Adams, a practicing osteopath, in her office at Coolidge Corner, Brookline, on the same day.

Judge Palmer of the Roxbury court, who conducted the inquest in connection with the young woman's death, reported to the clerk of the superior criminal court yesterday, that Dr. Adams died from mercurial poisoning prior to the shooting of Dr. Harris, and that the poison was self administered with suicidal intent. The report filed by Judge Palmer absolves Dr. Atwood or anyone from blame in connection with the death of Dr. Adams.

Dr. Atwood is confined in the Charles street jail awaiting trial for the murder of his fellow osteopath, and until Judge Palmer's findings were made public it was undecided whether Dr. Atwood was responsible for Dr. Adams' death.

The report of Judge Palmer reawakens public interest in the tragedy of last summer, when Dr. Atwood, who had been a classmate of Dr. Adams at the Osteopathic College, became incensed at revelations supposed to have been made to him by the young woman practitioner, and shot down Dr. Harris in his suite at the Hotel Westminster.

According to the police version of the "osteopathic tragedy," Dr. Atwood, who was 23 years old, had become enamored of Dr. Adams, who was four years his senior. His love was returned, apparently, but when he asked Dr. Adams to marry him she refused on the grounds of parental objection and also confided to Dr. Atwood that Dr. Harris had also advised against the marriage "for the good of the profession." She also intimated to Atwood, according to his own story, that Dr. Harris had betrayed her, and that that was one of her chief reasons for refusing to marry Dr. Atwood.

Woman Found Dying
On the night before the death of Dr. Adams and the shooting of Dr. Harris, the woman and Dr. Atwood were together until a late hour and the latter accompanied her as far as her office on Beacon street, just beyond Coolidge Corner.

The next morning Dr. Adams' father and brother, alarmed because she had not returned home, for about 10 o'clock, broke down the door and found her in a dying condition. A physician was summoned and the young woman was hurried to the Commonwealth hospital. That was early in the forenoon and before she passed away, shortly after noon, Dr. Atwood called at the institution, and after obtaining permission from the parents of the dying woman, visited her.

Shot Down Dr. Harris
Within an hour of her death in the hospital Dr. Atwood called at the Westminster, called for Dr. Harris and gave him a letter coming forward to greet his visitor, the latter opened fire and shot him down.

The wounded man was hurried to the City hospital and his assailant coolly walked out of the hotel. To the police he said he walked down town, visited a motion picture house, and then went out to Dr. Adams' office, and it was there he was arrested by Capt. Goode and officers of Division 16, Back Bay, who, reckoning on Dr. Atwood calling at the office of his former sweetheart, lay in wait for him and arrested him upon his arrival. When he was placed under arrest, the man awaiting trial for murder was in possession of a revolver.

Dr. Harris lived but a few days. Dr. Atwood admitted his guilt to the police.

THE VIOLA CAMPERS
The annual social and dancing party of the Viola Campers was held last night in Associate Hall and the event proved to be one of the most successful ever held by this organization which is made up of young men who have a cottage on the shores of the Concord river. Music for dancing was furnished by the Miner-Doyle orchestra. The success of the party was due to the zealous and efficient work of the following officers: General manager, Albert Dunham; assistant general manager, Stephen Callahan; floor director, George Mangin; assistant floor director, Leo Maguire; chief aid, William Donovan; treasurer, David Coleman.

Interest starts Saturday, January 6th, at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

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BROCKTON SHOE CENTER FOR MEN

BROCKTON, Dec. 30.—Brockton retained its supremacy as the leading shoe center for men's shoes in the world by shipping 19,968,100 pairs of shoes, including army products and domestic footwear, during the year 1916.

The total valuation of these shoes is estimated at \$69,390,635.

Of the shipments 2,400,000 pairs were army boots and shoes worth \$10,587,500. The Italian government received 1,150,000 pairs from local manufacturers and the Russian government

Total shoe wear ship \$58,553,135. Last year shipments the army amount of workers this year \$1,700,000 more than in 1915. These figures include shoes by Brockton manufacturer out-of-town shops, which Brockton and reshipped to

HUB POLICEMAN FIGHTS DRUG VICTIMS

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—A patrolman disguised as a young drug clerk thwarted a group of "dope fiends" about 10:45 last night when he arrested an alleged peddler of narcotics known as the "Providence Kid" just as a dozen drug victims were about to purchase morphine.

The arrest, in Bosworth street, was most spectacular and almost started a riot as the disguised officer nailed the pedler in the midst of the latter's customers. The drug victims, rushing from every direction to purchase a supply of morphine, turned on the young policeman and but for the timely arrival of another officer things would have gone hard with him.

At City Hall avenue station, the "Providence Kid" described himself as John Russell, 23 years old, and gave a Washington street address, but the police say it belongs in Providence, Morphine worth about \$15, in boxes and bottles, was found on his person and he is charged with the illegal possession of the drug.

Albert J. Allan, 29 years old, of Bowdoin street, Dorchester, was also arrested, charged with a violation of the drug laws.

Grabs the Kid
The arrests were made by Patrolman Dobratz and Manning. Manning was hurt in his right hand and there is possibility that a finger is broken.

For some time past Patrolman Dobratz has been on the trail of drug peddlers. Driven from the South and West Ends, where they formerly plied their illegal trade, these "dope" peddlers invaded the downtown district.

The fact that just before 11 almost every evening number of emaciated, wild-eyed men were seen around the corner of Tremont street and Hamilton place made the police suspicious. Last evening Patrolman Dobratz, donning a white coat, stood in the window of a prominent street drug store, gazing out. Just before 11 o'clock he saw the "Providence Kid" hurry by. He followed him.

As the kid entered Bosworth place in the dark doorway fully a dozen dark figures seemed to jump up. The kid halted and the figures, thin, poorly clad, emaciated men gazed about him. A witness said the scene reminded him of a flock of chickens when one offers them corn.

Just at this minute Patrolman Dobratz, still wearing his white coat, waded through the crowd and grabbed the kid.

Fight With Drug Fiends
The drug victims, seeing their last hope of a few grains of morphine fade were aroused to fury. With oaths they reached for the officer, who looked as though he would be badly man-handled. Then Patrolman Manning came running down the street and waded into the row.

Dobratz had a firm grip on the collar of the "Providence Kid" who put up a stiff fight. The two men over and over in the icy street before the

officer, who had also attacks of several drug by subduing his man. Battling with the patrolman Manning had been kicked, pushed, finally tripped and he Allan, however, and his right hand was pinned. Meantime, somebody, City Hall avenue station came clanging to drug victims gave up Manning picked him up, acquiring prison on. Patrolman Dobratz Officer Manning lost

THREE TAKEN
BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Killing of Dr. Harris, in raid, yesterday foremen and a woman a and cocaine valued. Bottles that contain the name of a phar and the prisoners to had been getting a morphine they want and.

Fred Chapman, 40, 32, who will charge in addition and Joseph Bradley in a house on Col. Dartmouth st.

The woman was to be arraigned. Bradley and Chapman yesterday afternoon not guilty to possession and was Tuesday, Bradley being prosecuted and was held in \$500

A RECORD ECLIPSE
SEVEN NUMBER CUR NE WASHINGTON eclipses of a moon, the g a single year according to a day by the last year in was early in next will be

On Jan. 8, a eclipse of the shadow visible States, beginning ending at 4:39 time. Between ern time, the

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The regular monthly meeting of the Lowell Fish and Game association on Tuesday, Jan. 2d, at Odd Fellows Temple.

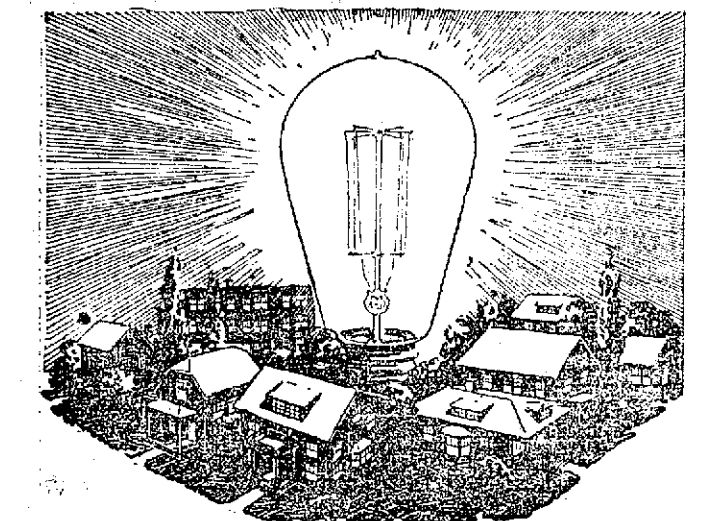
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All members of Lowell are requested to be present at the our late brother, Thomas 31 Hart street, tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, where of our order will be held.

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